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OF THE STATED CONVENTION OF THE 89th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

September 11 to September 16, 1987

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution No. 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 12, 1931 (U.S.C. 44, section 275B), authorizing the printing of proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans organizations inthe United States be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military of Order of the Purple Heart, the Disabled American Veterans of the World Wards, respectively, shall be printed annually with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the sessions of Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved September 18, 1941.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
Washington DC, February 1, 1989

Hon. JAMES C. WRIGHT, JR.
The Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith are the proceedings of the stated convention of the 89th national encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Inc., held in Orlando, Florida, September 11 to 16, 1987, for printing in accordance with Public Law 249, 77th Congress, approved September 18, 1941.

Respectfully yours,

BEULAH M. COPE
Adjutant General

SAMUEL LEROY MENDEL

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE SPANISH WAR VETERANS, SPANISH-AMERICAN VETERANS AND SERVICE MEN OF THE SPANISH WAR

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
Indianapolis, IN, January 1, 1905.

The following is an official copy of the amalgamation agreement adopted the 18th day of April 1904, consolidating the National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, and National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War, into the United Spanish War Veterans, and is published for the information of the camps and comrades of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans.

WILLIAM E. ENGLISH,
Commander in Chief.
RUSSELL B. HARRISON,
Adjutant General.

AGREEMENT

The following provisions relative to the amalgamation of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans and the National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War proposed, accepted, and adopted, are hereby promulgated:

SECTION 1. The name of the organization created by the union of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, and the National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War, hereby united in one fraternal, patriotic, and lasting organization shall be "United Spanish War Veterans."

SEC. 2. The official term of the officers for the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, hereby selected, agreed upon, and installed in office shall be from April 18, 1904, to January 1, 1905.

SEC. 3. The following are selected as the first officers of the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans and shall assume the duties of their respective offices April 18, 1904.

Commander in Chief	Maj. Harold C. Megrew.
Senior Vice Commander in Chief	Capt. William E. English.
Junior Vice Commander in Chief	Col. George M. Moulton.
Chief of Staff	
Adjutant-General	
Quartermaster General	
Inspector General	
Judge Advocate	I.N. Kinney, Michigan.
Surgeon General	Frank N. Hendley, Ohio.
Chaplain in Chief	Rev. W.H.I. Reany, U.S. Navy.
Paymaster General	Lt. Col. Russell B. Harrison, Indiana.
Commissionary General	Col. Thomas F. Lynch, New York.
Chief of Engineers	Capt. Wilson I. Davenny, New York.
Chief Signal Officer	Maj. W.H. Davis, Pennsylvania.
Chief of Ordnance	Col. Edward C. Young, Illinois.

Chief of Artillery	Capt. David Davis, Illinois.
Chief Mustering Officer	Maj. Harry A. Hall, Pennsylvania.
Historian	S. R.J. Hoyt, Iowa.

Council of Administration

Senator Charles Dick	Lt. Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr.
Thomas F. Leyden	Harry F. Huber.
S.D.C. Hays	Wilder S. Metcalf.
W.P. Dusenberry	I.L. Shulhafer.
James H. Lloyd	William A. Lord.
Ferdinand Koenig	Thomas F. O'Neil.
James McClintock	Gov. Winfield T. Durbin.
John T. Hilton	C.C. Mattis.
H.A.F. Young	H.L. Warren.
J.W. Carver	J.L. King.
C.J. Heinz	F.L. Averill.
G.N. Skipwith	M.J. Murphy.
C. Leinback	Hamilton Ward, Jr.

The chief of staff, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and the inspector general to be appointed as provided in section 5, article 5, rules and regulations.

The duties of the officers herein named, and not otherwise provided, are such as may be assigned to them by the commander in chief.

SEC. 4. Comrade Harold C. Megrew, late commander in chief, National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, who, by the terms of union, is created first commander in chief of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, shall fill that office from April 18, 1904, to September 1, 1904, and to then be succeeded by the senior vice commander in chief, Comrade William E. English, late commander in chief of the National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, who becomes the commander in chief, with the full prerogatives of that office, and holds said office until Janaury 1, 1905, and then to be succeeded by the commander in chief regularly elected at the First National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, to be held in September 1904, at a place and date to be determined by the commander in chief, with the executive committee of the national council of administration, United Spanish War Veterans. Comrade George M. Moulton, late commander in chief of the Service Men of the Spanish War, herein named as the junior vice commander in chief, shall possess that office until September 1, 1904, when he shall succeed to the office of senior vice commander in chief and be in turn succeeded in the office of junior vice commander in chief by Comrade Will J. McKee, late brigadier general, United States Volunteers.

SEC. 5. Should a vacancy occur at any time in the office of the commander in chief of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, the senior vice commander in chief thereof shall immediately succeed to the office vacated and become the commander in chief of the national encampment, with all the authority, power, and rights thereof, to serve as such until January 1, 1905.

SEC. 6. Should a vacancy occur at any time in the office of the senior vice commander in chief of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, the junior vice commander in chief thereof shall immediately succeed to the office vacated and become senior vice commander in chief of the national encampment with all the authority, power, and rights thereof, to serve as such until January 1, 1905.

SEC. 7. Should a vacancy occur at any time in the office of the junior vice commander in chief of the national encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, prior to September 1, 1904, the office shall be filled as provided for in section 4.

SEC. 8. Vacancies occurring in any of the other offices of the national encampment prior to January 1, 1905, shall be filled by appointment by the commander in chief.

SEC. 9. It is hereby provided that comrades holding the office of commander in chief, senior and junior vice commander in chief, for any part of the time from April 18, 1904, to Janaury 1, 1905, shall be past officers of these respective ranks, and have all the rights, benefits, privileges, and rank as though they had served the full term of 1 year.

SEC. 10. All records, property, and other assets as per inventory of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, and National Encampment Servicemen of the Spanish War shall

become the property of the National Encampment United Spanish War Veterans, and all debts and liabilities, as per schedule, of the three foregoing national organizations shall be assumed by the said National Encampment United Spanish War Veterans.

SEC. 11. All charters to be returned to the headquarters of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans for reissue, cost of same not to exceed $1.50. It is hereby provided that all members in good standing may be listed as charter members: *Provided, however,* That dishonorably discharged or suspended members, even though their names appear in the original charter, are not to be listed as charter members. This provision will apply to members who have not been regularly mustered.

SEC. 12. The badge and button of the United States War Veterans shall be the badge and button heretofore in use by the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, except that the bar of said badge shall be so changed as to contain the word "United", and all buttons hereafter furnished shall contain the words "United Spanish War Veterans."

It is provided that the uniform now in use by the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans shall be the uniform of the United Spanish War Veterans.

SEC. 13. Past officers of the various associations hereby consolidated and united, whether national, departmental, or local, shall be entitled to and have in the United Spanish War Veterans all the rights, benefits, privileges, titles and honors belonging to a past officer of the same rank in said United Spanish War Veterans: *Provided, however,* That past ranks may only be held by comrades who have been elected to appointed to office and have qualified and held the same.

SEC. 14. It is hereby provided that when two or more organizations, hereby united, exist in one State, Territory, or possession, the organization herein having the largest membership, as shown by the records in the office of the adjutant general, National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, upon blanks furnished for that purpose, shall be regarded as the parent organization in said State, Territory, or possession, and its officers recognized in accordance therewith, and to serve as such until the first regular meeting of the department, United Spanish War Veterans, in the State, Territory, or possession aforesaid.

SEC. 15. The titles of commanding officers or departments shall be department commander, senior and junior vice commanders.

SEC. 16. Camps shall be numbered States, and those new in actual existence and active operation shall be given numbers in order of their original formation as former camps or commands in the organizations hereby united and consolidated.

SEC. 17. Local organizations shall be called camps; State organizations, departments; and the national organization, national encampment.

SEC. 18. The commander in chief is hereby authorized and directed to take up arrange, adjust, and settle all matters pertaining to amalgamation not herein provided for:

SEC. 19. The official call for the First National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans shall be issued by the commander in chief at least 30 days prior to the convening of said encampment, and all representatives thereto shall be selected in conformity therewith.

SEC. 20. In order that the work of the various camps and commands may proceed without interruption, the rituals now in their possession may be used. All rituals thereafter furnished from national headquarters shall be the ritual of the United Spanish War Veterans.

SEC. 21. The constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans, copy of which is hereto attached, is hereby agreed to, adopted, and promulgated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto attached our official signatures this 18th day of April, 1904.

HAROLD C. MEGREW,
Commander in Chief, Spanish War Veterans.

WM. E. ENGLISH,
Commander in Chief, Spanish-American War Veterans.

GEO. M. MOULTON,
Commander in Chief, Servicemen of the Spanish War.

Approved:
Committee on Amalgamation, Spanish War Veterans—
MAJ. GEN. J. WARREN KIEFER,
Past Commander in Chief.
LT. GEN. NELSON A. MILES,
Past Commander in Chief.
MAJ. EMMET URELL,
Commander in Chief.
MAJ. HAROLD C. MEGREWSE
Commander in Chief.
CAPT. CHAMPE S. ANDREWS,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.
LT. COL. LUCIEN F. BURPEE,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Approved:
Committee on Amalgamation, Spanish-American War Veterans—
GEN. WILLIS J. HULINGS,
Past Commander in Chief.
COL. JAMES B. CORYELL,
Past Commander in Chief.
COL. D. JACK FOSTER,
Past Commander in Chief.
CAPT. WM. E. ENGLISH,
Commander in Chief.

Approved:
Committee on Amalgamation, Servicemen of the Spanish War—
GEN. JOHN A. WILEY,
Past Commander in Chief.
COL. GEORGE M. MOULTON,
Commander in Chief.
COL. EDWARD C. YOUNG,
MAJ. LAWRENCE M. ENNIS,
CAPT. WILSON I. DAVENNY,
MARTIN SCHERER, Jr.

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS AND THE LEGION OF SPANISH WAR VETERANS

The following agreement entered into between the United Spanish War Veterans and the Legion of Spanish War Veterans is hereby proposed, accepted, adopted and promulgated:

1. Camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans of the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire shall forthwith become camps of the Departments of Massachusetts and New Hampshire respectively of the United Spanish War Veterans with all the privileges, duties and obligations incident thereto, excepting that no per capita tax for department or national organization shall be levied against them until after the filing of semiannual reports due June 30, 1907.

2. Charters shall be issued to said camps by the national headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans, upon the payment of a charter fee of $5, and all members in good standing may be listed as charter members as camps may direct. Said camps shall be entitled to retain their present names.

3. A commission shall be appointed by the commanders in chief of the respective organizations consisting of a comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans and the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, who shall within 1 year renumber the camps of both organizations in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in the order of the date of their original charter.

4. All charters to be issued under this agreement are to be dated as of the date of the amalgamation and numbered consecutively in the order of the date of the original charters as reported by the commission: *Provided, however,* That each charter shall have engrossed thereon the date of the original charter and that no charge shall be made against the present camps of the United Spanish War Veterans for the reengrossing of their charters.

5. It is hereby provided that when the Legion of Spanish War Veterans and the United Spanish War Veterans become united by the signing of this agreement, the organization in Massachusetts having the largest membership as shown by such record as the adjutant General of the United Spanish War Veterans may require shall be regarded as the parent organization in Massachusetts and its officers recognized in accordance therewith and to serve as such until the department commander is elected and qualified to serve.

6. Past officers and present officers of both the United Spanish War Veterans and the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, whether national, departmental, or local in the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, shall be entitled to and have in the United Spanish War Veterans all the rights, benefits, privileges, and honor and titles belonging to past officers of the same rank of the United Spanish War Veterans: *Provided, however,* That past rank may only be held by comrades who have been regularly elected or appointed to office and have qualified and held the same.

7. That the commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans shall, within 60 days from the date thereof, arrange for date and place and issue a call for a department encampment, to which encampment the camps of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of Massachusetts shall be entitled to elect delegates and alternates to said department encampment; 1 delegate and 1 alternate to be chosen for every 50 members or a major fraction thereof.

And likewise, the camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans in the State of New Hampshire, upon the issuance of a call for the department encampment, be entitled to elect delegates to said department encampment, and for the purpose of facilitating the organization of said Department of New Hampshire, H.R. Bailey, of Nashua, is hereby designated as provisional department commander for the State of New Hampshire.

8. Until such time as the camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, now uniformed, shall by a majority vote of said camps vote to purchase new uniforms, said comrades of said camps shall be entitled to wear the present uniform of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans.

9. All records, property and other assets of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans and the respective camps of said organization shall remain as the property and assets of the said Legion of Spanish War Veterans and said camps and all debts and liabilities heretofore contracted by said Legion of Spanish War Veterans and said camps thereof shall be paid by said Legion of Spanish War Veterans and said camps thereof and not be a charge or claim against the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans.

10. Rosters of all the camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and the names and dates of appointments in service of all of the officers of the national encampment of said Legion of Spanish War Veterans shall be furnished to the headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans.

11. In order that the work of the various camps and commands may proceed without interruption the rituals now in their possession may be used until the ritual and book of ceremonies of the United Spanish War Veterans can be supplied: *Provided, however,* That all rituals hereafter furnished shall be the rituals of the United Spanish War Veterans, and the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans is hereby agreed to be adopted and promulgated.

12. The commanders in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans and of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans are hereby directed to take up, arrange, and adjust and settle all matters pertaining to the carrying out of this agreement and to adjust and settle all matters not herein provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto attached our official signatures this 9th day of October 1906 at Washington, D.C.

The United Spanish War Veterans,
CHARLES R. MILLER, *Commander in Chief.*
The Legion of Spanish War Veterans,
BY FREDERICK A. WALKER, *Commander in Chief.*

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS AND THE VETERAN ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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1. It is understood and agreed that each member of the Veteran Army of the Philippines is eligible to affiliate with the United Spanish War Veterans and that the posts of the Veteran Army of the Philippines in the Philippine Islands, shall, upon ratification of this agreement, forthwith become camps of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans, with all privileges, duties, and obligations incident thereto.

2. Upon consolidation the Veteran Army of the Philippines shall be known as the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans.

3. Charters shall be issued and the usual books furnished to said camps by the national headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans, upon the payment of a charter fee of $5, and all members in good standing may be listed as charter members of their respective camps. Said camps shall be entitled to retain their present names.

4. All charters to be issued under this agreement are to be dated as of the date of the amalgamation and numbered consecutively in the order of the date of the original charters in the Veteran Army of the Philippines as approved by the department commander of that organization: *Provided, however,* That each charter shall have engrossed thereon the date of said original charter in the said Veteran Army of the Philippines.

5. Camps of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines will be exempt from payment of per capita tax on members until July 1, 1909, when their first semiannual per capita tax will be payable in advance to the amount of 12½ cents on each member in good standing.

6. Past commanders in chief to and including Daniel Maloney, the present commander in chief of the Veteran Army of the Philippines, shall be entitled to, and have, in the United Spanish War Veterans all the rights, benefits, privileges, honors, and titles belonging to past commanders in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans: *Provided, however,* That such past rank may be held only by comrades who have been regularly elected or appointed and qualified to office, the same having been done heretofore in other amalgamation agreements with the various organizations now constituting the United Spanish War Veterans.

7. All other officers, past and present, of the Veteran Army of the Philippines will be entitled to and have in the United Spanish War Veterans all rights, benefits, privileges, honors, and titles belonging to past officers of the same or equivalent rank of the United Spanish War Veterans: *Provided, however,* That such past rank may be held only by comrades who have been regularly elected or appointed and qualified to office, the same having been done heretofore in other amalgamation agreements with the various organizations now constituting the United Spanish War Veterans.

8. The convention of the Veteran Army of the Philippines immediately after ratification of this agreement shall furnish the national headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans a list of their past national and camp commanders who are to receive the past rank as set forth in paragraphs 6 and 7.

9. The commander of the Veteran Army of the Philippines elected at the annual convention of 1908 shall upon amalgamation continue in office as the commander of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans until their next regular department encampment.

10. Owing to the peculiar climatic conditions existing in the Philippine Islands the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines shall be authorized to have their uniform made of such material and of such color as they may decide upon at their department encampment: *Provided,* That the buttons and insignia shall conform to the regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans.

11. All records, property, assets, and liabilities of the Veteran Army of the Philippines and the respective posts of said organization shall be considered as the property, assets and liabilities of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans and the camps composing same.

12. Rosters of all the posts of the Veteran Army of the Philippines in the Philippine Islands and the names and dates of appointment in service of all officers of the national convention of said Veteran Army of the Philippines shall be furnished to the headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans.

13. In order that the work of the various camps may proceed without interruption, the Veteran Army of the Philippines rituals, now in their possession may be used until the rituals and books of ceremonies of the United Spanish War Veterans can be supplied: *Provided, however,* That all rituals hereafter furnished shall be the rituals of the United Spanish War Veterans, and the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans are hereby agreed to, adopted, and promulgated. The comrades of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines shall be permitted to keep and wear the special insignia of the Army of the Philippines in addition to the prescribed insignia of the United Spanish War Veterans.

14. The commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans and the commander of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines are hereby directed and authorized to take up, arrange and adjust and settle all matters pertaining to the carrying out of this agreement not herein provided.

15. This agreement to be effective immediately upon ratification by both organizations, and the sending by either organization to the other, by cable, of the word "ratified" will be considered as notification of the ratification of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto attached our official signatures this 8th day of May 1908, at Washington, DC.

For the United Spanish War Veterans

WALTER S. HALE.

Witnesses:
A.C.C. CARSON, V.A.P.
LUKE E. WRIGHT.

For the Veteran Army of the Philippines

H.H. BANDHOLTS.

Witnesses:
J. LIGON KING, U.S.W.V.
GEORGE CURRY, V.A.P.

FEDERAL INCORPORATION OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

(Public Law 473—76th Congress)

[H.R. 8238]

AN ACT Providing for the incorporation of the United Spanish War Veterans

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the organization known as the United Spanish War Veterans with a membership limited to officers, soldiers, and sailors of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America, including acting assistant surgeons, contract doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons, officers, and enlisted men in the United States Revenue Cutter Service on vessels temporarily under the control of the War or Navy Department, commissioned medical officers of the United States Marine Hospital Service, officers and enlisted men in the Philippine Scouts and other organizations of native troops maintained by the War Department in the Philippine Islands, paymaster clerks actually on duty in the field or aboard ship who served at any time during the War between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, or at any time during the War for the Suppression of the Insurrection in the Philippine Islands, including the China Relief Expedition, prior to July 4, 1902, and who either have been honorably discharged from the service or still continue in the same and women who served honorably under contract or by appointment as Army nurses, chief nurses, or superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps at any time between April 21, 1898 and July 4, 1902, is hereby created a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia, by the name of "United Spanish War Veterans" by which name it shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being sued, and of having and exercising all incidental powers as a litigant or otherwise as if it were a natural person, with power to acquire by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, and to hold, convey, or otherwise dispose of property, real or personal, as may be necessary to carry into effect the patriotic, fraternal, and charitable purposes of the organization, and to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may have heretofore or may hereafter adopt, and generally to do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation.

SEC. 2. The object and purposes of this corporation shall be to perpetuate the name of United Spanish War Veterans and to preserve in corporate form said organization as now and heretofore maintained and conducted, and to thus provide and continue an agency and instrumentality through and by which its members, for and during the remainder of their natural lives, unite in the fraternal bonds of comradeship, perpetuate the memories of the War with Spain and the campaigns incident thereto; promote peace and good will at home and among all nations, encourage an adequate national defense and protect and preserve our institution of government. The corporation shall not at any time engage in any business for pecuniary profit and gain.

SEC. 3. The principal office of the corporation shall be kept and maintained in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, but annual and other meetings of its governing body and members may be held in any State of the Union, and the corporation shall have the power to possess and hold property needful or desirable for its objects and purposes anywhere in the United States of any of its Territories or dependencies consistently with the provisions of local laws pertaining therto.

SEC. 4. The supreme governing and controlling authority in said organization shall be the national encampment thereof, composed of representatives from the several department encampments as of now or may thereafter be organized: *Provided*: That there shall never be any change in the plan of organization of said national encampment that shall materially change its present representative form of government or render possible the concentration of the control thereof in the hands of a

limited number or in a self perpetuating body not representative of the membership at large.

SEC. 5. The qualification for membership in said organization, except as they are limited by the provisions in section 1 of this Act, and the rights and privileges of the members thereon shall be such as are fixed by the constitution and rules and regulations heretofore or hereafter adopted by said national encampment.

SEC. 6. The activities of said corporation shall be exercised through and by the following agencies in accordance with the constitution and rules and regulations now in force or such as may be hereafter enacted by the national encampment thereof, Namely:

First. Through the national encampment, its officers, and committees.

Second. Through such department encampments as may have been heretofore or may be hereafter organized, their officers, and committees.

Third. Through such camps as may have been heretofore or may be hereafter organized, their officers, and committees.

Fourth. Through such auxiliary organizations by whatever name or designation as have heretofore or may hereafter be authorized by the National Encampment.

Such department encampments and auxiliary organizations shall be subject and subordinate in authority to the national encampment, and such camps shall be also subject to such control exercised through the department encampment and department officers of the particular department to which it belongs.

SEC. 7. Said corporation and its State and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive rights to have and to use in carrying out its purposes the name "United Spanish War Veterans."

SEC. 8. The corporate existence of United Spanish War Veterans and the exclusive rights of its surviving members to wear the insignia of membership therein shall terminate only when the last of its members dies: *Provided however,* That, if, at any national encampment hereafter held, a memorial shall be adopted by the vote of three-fourths of the members present reciting that because of the decrease in its membership or because of the age and infirmity of its surviving members, it no longer is advisable and practicable to hold future annual national encampments, such action shall not operate to deprive said organization of any of its corporate powers; but the government thereof may be modified to provide for such continency subject to the restrictions contained in section 3 of this Act: *Provided further,* That nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the right or the power of such camps or departments in its own name nor affect the right of such camps or departments to organize corporations under State laws for the purpose of caring for and disposing of such property.

SEC. 9. The national encampment may, by resolution, provide for the disposition and future ownership of its property and archives, and may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective and such ownership of its property and archives, and may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective and such ownership vested, and a duly authenticated copy of such resolutions shall be filed in the office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Upon the happening of the event thus declared, and upon the filing of a petition in said Supreme Court reciting the facts, said court shall take jurisdiction thereof and upon due proof being made, the court shall enter a decree which shall be effectual to vest title and ownership in accordance with the provisions of such resolution.

Approved by the President of the United States Franklin D. Roosevelt, April 22, 1940.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

and

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Term served	Name	Department	Date of death
1904	Harold C. Megrew [1]	Indiana	April 26, 1908
1904–05	William E. English [2]	Indiana	April 29, 1936
1906	Charles R. Miller [3]	Ohio	December 16, 1916
1907	Hamilton Ward [4]	New York	October 8, 1932
1907–08	Walter S. Hale	California	May 20, 1922
1908–09	Charles W. Newton	Connecticut	September 3, 1948
1909–10	Edward J. Gihon	Massachusetts	June 11, 1945
1910–11	Joseph R. H. Jacoby	Washington-Alaska	September 29, 1961
1911–12	Maurice Simmons	New York	September 16, 1958
1912–13	Oscar T. Taylor	Pennsylvania	March 25, 1961
1913–14	John Lewis Smith	District of Columbia	November 9, 1950
1914–15	Charles F. Cramer	Ohio	June 25, 1933
1915–16	Leonidas C. Dyer	Missouri	December 15, 1957
1916–17	Daviel V. Chisholm	District of Columbia	February 28, 1936
1917–18	Henry W. Busch	Michigan	January 25, 1933
1918	Carl Van Dyke [5]	Minnesota	May 20, 1919
1918–19	William Jones [6]	New York	
1919–20	William Jones	do	June 2, 1931
1920–21	John K. Witherspoon	Washington-Alaska	December 8, 1942
1921–22	Oscar E. Carlstrom	Illinois	March 5, 1947
1922–23	Antonio P. Entenza	Michigan	August 26, 1955
1923–24	Albert D. Alcorn	Ohio	June 14, 1946
1924–25	Chauncey W. Herrick	New York	January 29, 1937
1925–26	Carmi A. Thompson	Ohio	June 22, 1942
1926–27	Rice W. Means	Colorado-Wyoming	January 30, 1949
1927–28	John J. Garrity	Illinois	August 10, 1940
1928–29	William L. Grayson	Georgia	March 31, 1941
1929–30	Fred W. Green	Michigan	November 30, 1936
1930–31	Edward S. Mathias	Ohio	November 2, 1953
1931–32	George R. Lunn	New York	November 27, 1948
1932–33	William J. Otjen	Oklahoma	May 22, 1973
1933–34	Wm. H. Armstrong	Wisconsin	October 4, 1943
1934–35	Leon McCord	Alabama	February 11, 1952
1935–36	Robert S. Cain	Pennsylvania	November 17, 1961
1936–37	Scott Leavitt	Montana	October 20, 1966
1937–38	Alfred J. Kennedy	New York	July 28, 1944
1938–39	Thomas W. Payne	Michigan	September 5, 1953
1939–40	George A. Eberly	Nebraska	September 12, 1958
1940–41	Rufus E. Foster	Louisiana	August 23, 1942
1941–42	Joe R. Hanley	New York	September 4, 1961
1942–43	Cornelius S. Kelly	Illinois	July 19, 1955
1943–44	Guy A. Boyle	Indiana	November 5, 1961
1944–45	R. Morgan Galbreth	California	February 17, 1980
1945–46	Halsey B. Leavitt	North Carolina	May 26, 1960
1946–47	John White	Texas	October 5, 1962
1947–48	H. M. Havner	Iowa	July 31, 1949
1948–49	Charles R. Barefoot	Ohio	July 11, 1963
1949–50	Henry H. Hunt	Connecticut	September 18, 1952
1950–51	Harry E. Williams	Oregon	September 30, 1972
1951–52	Charles Wm. Bernhardt	Georgia	September 13, 1952
1952–53	Dan S. Hewitt	California	January 27, 1956
1953–54	John U. Shroyer	Pennsylvania	August 3, 1960
1954–55	Lloyd Thurston	Iowa	May 7, 1970
1955–56	James H. Johnson	New Hampshire	May 14, 1962
1956–57	William D. Rogers	Kentucky	December 12, 1967

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Term served	Name	Department	Date of death
1957–58	Orris E. Jackson	California	November 20, 1968
1958–59	Thomas H. Hammond	Rhode Island	September 25, 1966
1959–60	W. Ross Duke [7]	Texas	January 26, 1960
1960	S. C. Hutchinson [8]	Virginia	September 6, 1968
1960–61	Charles E. M. Howard	Florida	October 5, 1963
1961–62	Homer Dwiggins	South Dakota	October 22, 1976
1962–63	Morris G. Osterreich	Wisconsin	April 23, 1976
1963–64	Archie J. House	Michigan	March 20, 1968
1964–65	Sam Black	Illinois	September 5, 1972
1965–66	Harry H. Hoover	Minnesota	April 16, 1974
1966–67	Clay Everhard	Texas	June 27, 1972
1967–68	Fred D. Shadell	New Jersey	November 7, 1971
1968–69	William R. Fletcher	Washington-Alaska	September 3, 1978
1969–70	Edmund L. Wescott	Wisconsin	August 6, 1978
1970–71	Joseph J. McNamara	Massachusetts	November 25, 1983
1971–72	George A. Critchett	California	January 31, 1979
1972–73	Elmer G. Thomas	Utah	October 8, 1977
1973–74	Earl F. McCullough [9]	Idaho	May 3, 1974
1974	Charles A. Focht [10]	Pennsylvania	
1974–75	Charles A. Focht	do	December 6, 1981
1975–76	Cleo G. Brown	Indiana	September 11, 1982
1976–77	Frederick J. Meyer	New York	December 8, 1980
1977–78	Charles A. Bunel	Connecticut	March 27, 1980
1978–79	S. Leroy Mendel	Illinois	
1979–80	Edwin L. Bernard [11]	Louisiana	September 26, 1979
1979–80	Herman Miller [12]	California	April 10, 1983
1980–81	Cleo G. Brown	Indiana	September 11, 1982
1981–82	Harry B. Embree	Kansas	March 14, 1986
1982–83	S. Leroy Mendel	Illinois	
1983–84	S. Leroy Mendel	do	
1984–85	S. Leroy Mendel	do	
1985–86	S. Leroy Mendel	do	
1986–87	S. Leroy Mendel	do	

[1] Served from April 18 to August 31, 1904.
[2] Served from September 1, 1904 to December 31, 1905.
[3] Served from January 1 to December 31, 1906.
[4] Served from January 1 to September 11, 1907 after which time the term of the commander in chief began with the date of the national encampment and expired when his successor was elected at the next encampment.
[5] Died in office: Succeeded by Senior Vice Commander in Chief William Jones.
[6] Advanced to commander in chief, May 20, 1919, vice Carl Van Dyke deceased.
[7] Died in office; succeeded by Senior Vice Commander in Chief S. C. Hutchinson.
[8] Advanced to commander in chief, January 26, 1960, vice W. R. Duke, deceased.
[9] Died in office; succeeded by Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles A. Focht.
[10] Advanced to commander in chief, May 3, 1974, vice Earl F. McCullough, deceased.
[11] Died in office; succeeded by Senior Vice Commander in Chief Herman Miller.
[12] Advanced to commander in chief, September 26, 1979, vice Edwin L. Bernard, deceased.

PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEFS OR ORGANIZATIONS AMALGAMATED INTO UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Spanish War Veterans

(Organized September 8, 1899 in Washington, D.C. at first called national meeting of Spanish American War survivors.)

1899–00 J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio, died April 22, 1932.
1900–01 Nelson A. Miles, Washington, D.C., died May 15, 1926.
1901–02 William H. Hubbell, Brooklyn, N.Y., died August 26, 1902.
1902–03 M. Emmett Urell, Washington, D.C., died September 6, 1910.
1903–04 Harold C. Megrew, Indianapolis, IND., died April 26, 1908.

Spanish-American War Veterans

1899–00 Willis J. Hulings, Oil City, PA., died August 8, 1924.
1900–01 James C. Coryell, Philadelphia, PA., died February 7, 1925.
1901–02 D. Jack Foster, Chicago, ILL., died September 10, 1948.
1902–03 Thomas F. Lynch, New York, N.Y., died November 7, 1932.
1903–04 Wm. E. English, Indianapolis, IND., died April 29, 1936.

Service Men of the Spanish War

1898–99 Robert W. Leonard, New York, N.Y., died October 3, 1929.
1899–02 John A. Wiley, Franklin, PA., died December 28, 1903.
1902–04 George M. Moulton, Chicago, Ill., died July 24, 1927.

Legion of Spanish War Veterans

(First meeting held May 4, 1899 in Boston: First annual convention held in East Boston, February 22, 1900)

1899–00 William Powers Kenibbs, Boston, MASS., died July 8, 1906.
1900–01 Willis W. Stover, Charlestown, MASS., died October 16, 1916.
1901–02 Thomas F. Clark, East Boston, MASS., died June 25, 1945.
1902–03 George F. Murray, South Boston, MASS., died August 27, 1945.
1903–04 Paul R. Hawkins, Springfield, MASS., died January 12, 1930.
1904–05 George H. Manks, Boston, MASS., died April 26, 1931.
1905–06 Thomas L. Hayes, Charlestown, MASS., died June 12, 1941.
1906 Frederick A. Walker, Charlestown, MASS., deceased (no date).

Veteran Army of the Philippines

1902–03 Henry B. McCoy, Manila, Philippine Islands.
1903–04 Albert E. McCabe, Manila, Philippine Islands, died January 2, 1913.
1904–05 Amasa S. Crossfield, Manila, Philippine Islands, died February 10, 1928.
1905–06 Lafayette A. Dorrington, Manila, Philippine Islands.
1906–07 Joseph N. Wolfson, Manila, Philippine Islands, died October 29, 1942.
1907 William H. Bishop, Manila, Philippine Islands (dropped).
1907–08 Harry H. Bandholtz, Manila, Philippine Islands, died May 7, 1925.
1908 Daniel F. Maloney, Manila, Philippine Islands, died May 9, 1925.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

[Instituted January 29, 1922; disbanded March 19, 1975 by S.O. No. 27]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1922–23	E.E. Spangenberg	Birmingham	September 3, 1958
1923–25	Berto H. Johnson	Montgomery	September 29, 1938
1925–26	John A. Holmes	Birmingham	September 6, 1947
1926–27	William W. Brandon	Tuscaloosa	1944
1927–28	H.A. McConville	Montgomery	1955
1928–29	Leon Schwarz	Mobile	April 24, 1943
1929–30	Robert H. Webb	Birmingham	October 11, 1937
1930–31	Joseph H. Cooper	Tuscaloosa	March 15, 1938
1931–32	Robert L. Brown	Florence	September 8, 1946
1932–33	Walter S. Lawrence	Montgomery	February 2, 1947
1933–34	Leon McCord	Montgomery	February 11, 1952
1934–35	William S. Adams	Birmingham	Unknown
1935–36	James A. Lipscomb	Bessemer	November 18, 1953
1936–37	H.F. Paddock	Cullman	1952
1937–38	C.L. Doggrell	Montgomery	August 8, 1942
1938–39	John C. Anderson	Collinsville	December 21, 1961
1939–40	Erwin W. Hoyle	Mobile	April 14, 1941
1940–41	Edmund P. Cobb	Birmingham	March 30, 1962
1941–42	Charles A. East	Glencoe	March 1955
1942–43	John C. Coleman	Albertville	September 30, 1944
1943–44	Augustus Mackey	Birmingham	June 24, 1952
1944–45	Fred Arn	Mobile	June 28, 1954
1945–46	George W. Floyd	Alabama City	May 17, 1963
1946–47	George J. Flournoy	Mobile	January 1961
1947–48	S. Morgan Stewart	Huntsville	July 18, 1954
1948–49	William P. Gwin	Gadsden	July 1962
1949–50	Charles G. Hurst	Birmingham	July 29, 1952
1950–51	Louis A. Toombs	Montgomery	October 15, 1952
1951–52	E.R. Brown	Sheffield	November 3, 1960
1952–53	Wirt A. Laun	Mobile	Unknown
1953–54	D.S. McEachern	Birmingham	August 19, 1960
1954–55	William B. Cheney	Montgomery	April 18, 1962
1955–56	Harry G. Simmons	Birmingham	Unknown
1956–57	D.W.C. Yarbrough	Birmingham	February 7, 1961
1957–58	Hughes B. Kennedy	Birmingham	September 18, 1961
1958–59	Charles A. Brunson	Mobile	Unknown
1959–60	Wyatt W. Lane	Birmingham	January 25, 1963
1960–61	Allen Gray	Fruithurst	July 8, 1962
1961–62	James R. Stewart	Birmingham	1968
1962–63	Mont Jackson	Birmingham	1968
1963–73	Jonathan L. Thornton	Montgomery	April 22, 1973

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

[Originally instituted April 18, 1904; disbanded and reorganized April 19, 1923, disbanded December 28, 1979 by S.O. No. 10]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1903	Maynard A. Frazier	Phoenix	July 23, 1935
1904–05	James H. McClintock	Phoenix	May 10, 1934
1923–24	J.L.B. Alexander	Phoenix	1931
1924–25	William A. Campbell	Flagstaff	August 23, 1954
1925–26	William C. Hathaway	Douglas	February 19, 1961
1926–27	Charles Emmet Newton	Phoenix	February 1, 1937
1927–28	C.V. Kinter	Yuma	September 25, 1932
1928–29	Harry Kennings	Bisbee	July 15, 1953
1929–30	R.L. Jones	Phoenix	May 20, 1970
1930–31	George R. Armstrong	Tucson	November 20, 1952
1931–32	V.C. Murphy	Globe	August 26, 1964
1932–33	George J. McCabe	Tombstone	August 4, 1948
1933–34	John H. Knight	Tucson	September 9, 1955
1934–35	R.R. McGregor	Tucson	April 9, 1942
1935–36	E.G. Weil	Prescott	August 5, 1935
1935–36	Thomas Harsell	Douglas	November 27, 1958
1936–37	W.H. Napier	Prescott	January 14, 1962
1937–38	J.E. Coberly	Mesa	November 16, 1956
1938–39	Verling W. Marshall	Bisbee	May 27, 1940
1939–40	John B. Nichols	Phoenix	April 23, 1964
1940–41	R.E. Lee Kite	Tucson	September 9, 1955
1941–42	Wilson T. Wright	Phoenix	November 26, 1953
1942–43	Anton Peter	Prescott	December 5, 1955
1943–44	R.C. Stanford	Phoenix	January 14, 1963
1944–45	Henry Elvey	Douglas	January 16, 1965
1945–46	Clarence Burr Colborn	Tucson	1951
1946–47	M.C. Burk	Phoenix	April 5, 1947
1947–48	John H. Brown	Phoenix	December 28, 1950
1948–49	Hiram W. Austin	Douglas	April 25, 1959
1949–50	Marion M. Daniels	Phoenix	August 31, 1951
1950–51	Waldo E. Johnson	Globe	October 15, 1967
1951–52	Peter P. Olson	Tucson	December 19, 1975
1952–53	Frank F. Bartlett	Prescott	May 20, 1966
1953–54	Charles C. Head	Phoenix	August 25, 1965
1954	James J. Lane	Mesa	June 28, 1954
1954–55	Fred A. Jamison	Prescott	March 2, 1955
1955–56	C.H. Clinton	Tucson	February 24, 1963
1956–57	Charles E. Wuest	Mesa	July 13, 1962
1957–58	Charles H. Woods	Tucson	July 26, 1962
1958–59	Frederick Brower	Phoenix	March 25, 1968
1959–60	Lemuel M. Post	Tucson	March 26, 1962
1960–61	Frank E. Barron	Prescott	June 9, 1966
1961–62	T.E. Purinton	Phoenix	July 9, 1971
1962–63	Oscar W. Dewey	Tucson	July 19, 1973
1963–64	William H. Earley	Phoenix	February 15, 1974
1964–68	Frederick Brower	Phoenix	March 25, 1968
1968–71	Nelson Garwood	Tucson	February 19, 1971
1971–75	Peter P. Olson	Tucson	December 19, 1975
1975–79	Charles S. Griffith	Tucson	January 16, 1979

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

[Instituted January 19, 1924; disbanded November 23, 1974 by S.O. No. 9]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1924–25	James R. Demby	Hot Springs	May 2, 1947
1925–26	Robert P. Seyfer, Sr	Fort Smith	July 1, 1965
1926–27	Rudolph Miller	Huntington	February 3, 1941
1927–28	B.L. Maloney	Little Rock	February 19, 1957
1928–29	Harry P. Creekmore	Hot Springs	August 4, 1953
1929–30	Hayden H. Cooper	DeQueen	March 10, 1963
1930–31	Thomas S. Garen	Hot Springs	October 29, 1944
1931–32	Neil C. Marsh	El Dorado	February 5, 1944
1932–33	M.E. Bradford	Little Rock	February 19, 1939
1933–34	John C. Foley	Pine Bluff	May 20, 1938
1934	Will Luce	Fort Smith	July 27, 1934
1934–35	Frank H. Smith	El Dorado	July 10, 1961
1935–36	H.H. Walker	Little Rock	December 2, 1937
1936–37	George H. Wright	Fort Smith	May 13, 1969
1937–38	Owen G. Kendrick	Cotter	November 28, 1969
1938–39	Fred R. Hamilton	Siloam Springs	January 3, 1948
1939–40	Roy A. Pritchard	Little Rock	August 19, 1966
1940–41	Nelson S. Thornton	Camden	October 2, 1965
1941–42	Walter L. Brown	Gravette	February 12, 1942
1942	Sam D. Crawford	El Dorado	June 17, 1953
1942–43	W.J. McCain	Little Rock	July 12, 1954
1943–44	Walter C. Hudson	Pine Bluff	August 27, 1968
1944–45	C.T. Frick	Little Rock	July 29, 1959
1945–46	H.H. McFann	El Dorado	June 8, 1962
1946–47	John J.A. Collins	Fort Smith	January 18, 1965
1947–48	Dick Atwood	Hot Springs	December 16, 1958
1948–49	Ernest O. Harrison	Pine Bluff	July 22, 1960
1949–50	Herbert T. Burr	Little Rock	January 1969
1950–51	Thomas A. Morton	Camden	July 10, 1961
1951–52	James R. Miller	Hot Springs	July 1, 1967
1952–53	R.A. Henderson	Marvell	Unknown
1953–54	Paul E. Melker	N. Little Rock	1961
1954–55	C.H. Womack	Camden	1967
1955–56	Mason E. Mitchell	Conway	May 2, 1957
1956–57	C.B. Wallis	El Dorado	Unknown
1957–58	John R. Campbell	N. Little Rock	November 4, 1961
1958–59	Henry Moore	Little Rock	October 14, 1970
1959–60	B.F. Adams	Conway	August 1, 1973
1960–61	John Heern	Jonesboro	Unknown
1961	W.A. Davis	Hot Springs	October 23, 1961
1961–62	Alonzo Cupp	N. Little Rock	July 26, 1972
1962–63	Ralph L. North	Hot Springs	Unknown
1963–64	Henry Moore	Little Rock	October 14, 1970
1964–65	Walter C. Hudson	Pine Bluff	August 27, 1968
1965–66	James R. Miller	Hot Springs	July 1, 1967
1966–67	Clyde A. Harrison	Hot Springs	October 10, 1967
1967–68	William H. Russell	N. Little Rock	August 6, 1974
1968–73	John Frank Dodd	Little Rock	February 9, 1973
1973–74	William H. Russell	Little Rock	August 6, 1974

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

[Instituted April 18, 1904]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1904	Thomas F. O'Neill	San Francisco	August 1, 1906
1904–05	Hugh T. Sime	San Francisco	February 10, 1926
1905–06	Charles W. Davison	San Jose	April 20, 1941
1906–07	Edwin S. Bean	San Francisco	February 12, 1913
1907–08	Montgomery M. Moulton	San Diego	March 9, 1919
1908–09	James H. Noland	San Francisco	April 21, 1959
1909–10	P. C. Mulqueeney	Los Angeles	October 18, 1929
1910–11	Samuel W. Kay	Sacramento	January 17, 1940
1911–10	Wallace H. Coping	Pasadena	June 2, 1949
1912–13	Bruno A. Foresterer	Berkeley	June 12, 1957
1913–14	Lloyd T. Stephenson	Fresno	January 23, 1945
1914–15	Harry F. Huber	Oakland	October 25, 1949
1915–16	Robert Wankowski	Los Angeles	December 15, 1936
1916–17	Corwin S. Perry	Vallejo	May 29, 1944
1917–18	Richard H. Harris	San Diego	No record
1918–19	Milton A. Nathan	San Francisco	August 24, 1929
1919–20	John T. Curtin	Los Angeles	December 6, 1930
1920–21	Lewis C. Weisbach	San Francisco	June 7, 1957
1921–22	R. Morgan Galbret	Los Angeles	February 17, 1980
1922–23	George A. Marshall	Oakland	August 11, 1967
1923–24	Tom C. Galbraith	Los Angeles	February 15, 1934
1924–25	Frank E. Russell	Alameda	October 20, 1952
1925–26	Coral F. Roberts	Bakersfield	February 7, 1950
1926–27	Mort W. Seller	Oakland	June 15, 1936
1927–28	Charles E. Dixon	Santa Ana	November 26, 1913
1928–29	Clarence A. Son	San Francisco	September 29, 1943
1929–30	A. C. Munson	Los Angeles	October 3, 1940
1930–31	Frank B. Graves	Oakland	No record
1931–32	J. Lavaille Stuart	San Diego	August 30, 1960
1932–33	Charles W. Bennett	Alameda	January 18, 1935
1933–34	F. Earle Greene	Los Angeles	April 17, 1940
1934–35	Percy C. Church	Fresno	May 26, 1951
1935–36	Frank J. Ziegler	Los Angeles	April 24, 1951
1936–37	A. I. Sorensen	Stockton	October 15, 1954
1937–38	Elmer L. Cole	Los Angeles	January 8, 1954
1938–39	O. M. McFarland	Oakland	March 22, 1949
1939–40	William J. Werner	Los Angeles	April 19, 1948
1940–41	William J. Harrison	Santa Clara	November 20, 1945
1941–42	Walter L. Lynch	Long Beach	January 14, 1947
1942–43	Henry H. Brown	Sacramento	October 30, 1947
1943–44	Charlie J. Anderson	Pasadena	November 18, 1962
1944–45	Dan S. Hewitt	San Francisco	January 27, 1956
1945–46	Louis L. McClary	Hollywood	January 13, 1960
1946–47	William H. Augustus	San Mateo	September 19, 1951
1947–48	Floyd A. Peet	Glendale	September 15, 1966
1948–49	George F. Kohler	Alameda	May 26, 1961
1949–50	H. Leslie Wildey	Long Beach	June 3, 1973
1950–51	Charles E. Keagy	Piedmont	July 10, 1965
1951–52	Henry H. Bragg	Alhambra	December 23, 1966
1952–53	Andrew L. Johnston	San Francisco	December 30, 1957
1953–54	Robert J. Mills	Monrovia	December 27, 1962
1954–55	John J. F. Mahoney	Oakland	May 9, 1968
1955–56	H. Frank Higley	Long Beach	June 8, 1963
1956–57	George W. Greene	Oakland	March 8, 1960

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA—Continued

[Instituted April 18, 1904]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1957–58	Charles E. Waffle	Santa Ana	July 25, 1965
1958–59	John Q. Adams	San Francisco	March 9, 1964
1959–60	Francis W. Masters	Los Angeles	June 24, 1965
1960–61	George Knaub	Oakland	June 16, 1978
1961–62	George E. Scott	Alhambra	January 12, 1966
1962–63	Willis E. Mills	Durham	November 4, 1969
1963–64	Arthur C. Gump	Santa Monica	February 16, 1964
1964–65	Enoch R. L. Jones	San Francisco	October 20, 1968
1965–66	Robert C. Murphy /1/	Santa Cruz	February 7, 1966
1966–67	Linton T. Collins	Van Nuys	July 10, 1970
1967–68	Joseph F. Stover	Berkeley	October 23, 1976
1968–69	W. Frank Rood (Res.)	National City	No record
1968–69	George A. Critchett	Oroville	January 13, 1979
1969–70	George H. Howron	Alhambra	August 13, 1977
1970–71	Alfred F. Moulton	Westminster	November 10, 1975
1971–72	Alto V. Jones	San Diego	November 2, 1971
1971–72	Joseph F. Stover	Berkeley	October 23, 1976
1972–73	Alfred C. Handley	Santa Cruz	November 11, 1979
1973–74	Charles L. Wernike	Long Beach	January 7, 1975
1974-75	Ezra Keller	Paradise	November 5, 1976
1975–76	Herman Miller	Oceanside	April 10, 1983
1976–80	Richard A. Weis	Los Angeles	July 27, 1980
1980–83	Herman Miller	Oceanside	April 10, 1983
1983–86	Christian F. Steinle	Santa Monica	March 6, 1986

[1] Died in office.

DEPARTMENT OF CUBA, PORTO RICO, AND THE CANAL ZONE

[Established January 29, 1927]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1927–33	Condy J. Boyle	Balboa Heights, CZ	No record

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

[Originally organized August 13, 1908; consolidated into Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1919; disbanded and Department of Colorado reorganized by S.O. No. 83, January 6, 1933; disbanded August 30, 1971 by S.O. No. 66]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1908	Louis E. L. Guthner	Denver	June 17, 1947
1908–09	Crum Epler	Pueblo	1940
1909–10	David M. Ralston	Trinidad	February 11, 1959
1910–11	S.D.C. Hays	Denver	No record
1911–12	James H. Gowdy	Colorado Springs	March 5, 1943
1912–13	Thomas P. Boutwell	Denver	No record
1913–14	William D. Green	Trinidad	No record
1915–16	Robert F. Silvers	Denver	No record
1916–17	William J. Fuller	Pueblo	June 9, 1953
1917–18	Timothy B. Callahan	Denver	May 4, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO—Continued

[Originally organized August 13, 1908; consolidated into Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1919; disbanded and Department of Colorado reorganized by S.O. No. 83, January 6, 1933; disbanded August 30, 1971 by S.O. No. 66]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1918–19	Andrew W. Baines	Loveland	November 16, 1971

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1919–20	E.B.J. Sweeney	Denver	May 24, 1936
1920–21	F. C. Dettleback	Denver	November 30, 1944
1921–22	Homer F. Freehafer	Denver	No record
1922–23	Harvey Z. Lord	Denver	July 7, 1960
1923–24	Charles L. O'Neal	Trinidad	No record
1924–25	Hugh O. Neville	Denver	No record
1925–26	Louis Knicker	Laramie	March 19, 1951
1926–27	George A. Fowler	Denver	December 13, 1967
1927–28	John W. Denbo	Trinidad	September 29, 1958
1928–29	William Anderson	Denver	September 14, 1945
1929–30	H. A. Brookhart	Cheyenne	No record
1930–31	David Burton	Denver	August 30, 1951
1931–32	Clarence A. Long	Colorado Springs	February 21, 1947
1932–33	William J. O'Brien	Denver	August 17, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1933	Clarence A. Long	Colorado Springs	February 21, 1947
1933–34	Carl F. Fox	Grand Junction	July 29, 1951
1934–35	Chase Cole	Canon City	February 3, 1956
1935–36	Edgar A. Mead	Greeley	February 18, 1961
1936–37	Joseph H. Lewis	Montrose	1950
1937–38	Bert E. Gregory	Trinidad	December 10, 1959
1938–39	Charles Hendy, Jr.	Denver	October 29, 1954
1939–40	Horace M. Erickson	LaJunta	June 28, 1958
1940–41	Hiram H. Wallace	Pueblo	June 14, 1967
1941–42	John M. McMillan	Aurora	December 27, 1973
1942–43	Litt P. Dryden	Colorado Springs	November 26, 1956
1943–44	Perry J. Templeton	Sterling	October 27, 1972
1944–45	Charles Gorsline	Denver	December 11, 1961
1945–46	John F. Davis	Grand Junction	August 25, 1958
1946–47	Ralph W. Peters	Pueblo	June 16, 1950
1947–48	Clyde A. Jackson	Denver	March 27, 1952
1948–49	George E. Anderson	Gunnison	No record
1949–50	C.H. Williams	Sterling	December 15, 1964
1950–51	Fred C. Blunt	Denver	January 31, 1964
1951–52	Edgar T. Pate	Pueblo	August 14, 1957
1952–53	Horace B. Curtiss	Ordway	January 24, 1963
1953–54	Richard Gutterman [1]	Colorado Springs	May 3, 1954
1954	James R. Lilly	Denver	August 23, 1958
1954–55	James E. Arnold	Canon City	January 30, 1966

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO—Continued

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1955–56	H. F. Sperry	Pueblo	August 10, 1967
1956–57	James D. Peyton	Sugar City	1964
1957–58	J. Clark Wright	Canon City	April 12, 1960
1958–59	Hiram F. Davis	Denver	December 20, 1962
1959–60	Archwell W. Aiken	Denver	June 3, 1962
1960–61	James G. Corning	Lamar	May 7, 1960
1961–63	Clark A. Jeffers	Denver	September 1972
1963–64	William M. Crum	Canon City	No record
1964–71	Clark A. Jeffers	Denver	September 1972

[1] Died in office.

DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA

[Organized July 12, 1910; disbanded July 29, 1916]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1910–12	F.H. Crumbley	Los Angeles	Unknown
1912–13	Elie V. Moore	Vallejo	February 21, 1961
1913–13	David Holden	Berkely	Prior 1955
1914–15	John R. Green	Oakland	Prior 1955
1915–16	Ebert W. Maden	Oakland	Prior 1955

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

[Originally organized August 4, 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904, disbanded July 28, 1980 by S.O. No. 37]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1902–03	George M. Cole	Hartford (S.W.V.)	November 23, 1933
1903–04	Edward Schulze	Hartford (S.W.V.)	November 28, 1931
1904–05	Frederick L. Averill	Branford	December 30, 1945
1905–06	Frederick L. Breckbill	Bridgeport	No record
1906–07	John Q. Tilson	New Haven	August 14, 1958
1907–08	Henry H. Saunders	Hartford	Prior 1940
1908–09	William Lounsbury	Bridgeport	March 24, 1947
1909–10	George F. Gammons	New Haven	October 18, 1940
1910–11	Frank P. Fenton	Willimantic	January 19, 1947
1911–12	Robert D. Chapin	Hartford	January 25, 1945
1912–13	Russell Porter Clark	Stanford	April 27, 1935
1913–14	Frank E. Johnson	Hartford	January 13, 1940
1914–15	Charles S. Andres	Bridgeport	August 11, 1937
1915–16	Martin Laubscher	Rockville	January 17, 1941
1916–17	Clifford A. Houschildt	Norwalk	May 23, 1940
1917–18	Charles G. Morris	New Haven	February 9, 1961
1918–19	Frederick P. Houston	Waterbury	August 31, 1959
1919–20	William Basely	New London	No record
1920–21	Percy A. Sawtelle	Mauritian	May 9, 1949
1921–22	John B. Quinn	Stanford	October 5, 1945
1922–23	Charles N. Burdick	Norwich	No record
1923–24	James R. Veitch	South Manchester	September 4, 1955
1924–25	Theodore Johnson	New Britain	February 27, 1960

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT—Continued

[Originally organized August 4, 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904, disbanded July 28, 1980 by S.O. No. 37]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1925–26	Frank E. Shea	Hartford	August 2, 1942
1926–27	Benjamin Stewart	Bridgeport	October 14, 1955
1927–28	Aaron T. Dawson	South Norwalk	January 25, 1965
1928–29	Charles P. Dunlay	New Haven	August 26, 1956
1929–30	John J. Connors	Rockville	February 8, 1954
1930–31	Thomas E. White	Waterbury	January 31. 1948
1931–32	Charles H. Ward	Bethel	November 19, 1959
1932–33	Edward B. Hall	Mauritian	September 2, 1949
1933–34	George W. Hitchcock	Winsted	No record
1934–35	Thomas F. Mullen	Hartford	November 23, 1949
1935–36	Reinhold Persson	Stratford	July 8, 1956
1936–37	Miles W. Deane[1]	Waterbury	November 18, 1936
	Michael J. Murphy[1]	South Norwalk	December 31, 1936
	Charles L. Jenkins	Torrington	May 1, 1960
1937–38	Leon E. Loomis	New Britain	April 18, 1937
1938–39	Edward J. McBriarty	New Haven	January 15, 1964
1939–40	Ernest W. Spicer	Mauritian	January 22, 1959
1940–41	Charles A. Bunel	Norfolk	March 27, 1980
1941–42	John H. Albert	Hartford	November 17, 1942
1942–43	Claude B. Hawkins	Hartford	November 19, 1965
1943–44	Joel M. Nichols	Manchester	March 5, 1950
1944 -45	Robert Hughes	Mansfield	April 20, 1957
1945–46	Walter E. Van Alstyne	Stratford	August 28, 1958
1946–47	Henry H. Hunt	West Hartford	September 18, 1952
1947–48	Thomas H. Holland	Hartford	April 22, 1970
1948–49	Peter C. Nielsen	Bridgeport	November 11, 1963
1949–50	John V. Engstrom	Mauritian	October 30, 1958
1950–51	Charles H. Mory	Branford	August 26, 1956
1951–52	Frank Orvis	Hartford	September 4, 1956
1952–53	Frank M. Wollschlager	Mauritian	January 8, 1958
1953–54	Jacob N . Wolodarsky	New Haven	November 7, 1964
1954–55	Frederick L. Clark	Shelton	December 4, 1965
1955–56	Joseph F. Strap	Bristol	October 30, 1965
1956–57	William B. Heald	West Hartford	June 26, 1976
1957–58	Silas Hoffman	Oakville	October 12, 1959
1958–59	William C. MacLaughlin	New Haven	September 10, 1961
1959–60	James J. Graham	West Hartford	October 1972
1960–61	Fred M. Graves	Mauritian	January 16, 1965
1961–62	Charles J. Nyack[1]	Hartford	April 20, 1962
1962–63	Benjamin W. Johnson	Forestville	July 17, 1975
1963–64	Thomas H. Holland	Hartford	April 22, 1970
1964–65	Timothy Zapparoly	Bridgeport	December 2, 1972
1965–66	Luke J. Crowe	West Haven	November 27, 1966
1966–67	Simon Freund	Hartford	October 11, 1971
1967–72	James J. Graham	Hartford	October 1972
1972–75	Benjamin W. Johnson	Plainville	July 17, 1975
1975–76	William H. Heald	West Hartford	June 26, 1976
1976–77	Medus Lamory	Norwich	January 29, 1980
1977–80	Charles A. Bunel	Norfolk	March 27,1980

[1]Died in office.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

[Originally organized May 15, 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded September 8, 1976 by S.O. No. 34]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1900	George H. Harries	Washington	September 28, 1934
1900–01	M. Emmet Urell	do	September 6, 1910
1901–02	Lee M. Lipscomb	do	September 7, 1926
1902–03	Frederick S. Hodgson	do	May 14, 1935
1904–05	S. Clifford Cox	do	July 9, 1927
1905–06	John Lewis Smith	do	November 9, 1950
1906–07	J. Walter Mitchell	do	No record
1907–08	Edward L. Cogan	do	March 21, 1917
1908–09	Gustav E. Rausch	do	July 28, 1942
1909–10	Samuel G. Mawson	do	June 4, 1932
1910–11	Daniel V. Chisholm	do	February 28, 1936
1911–12	James P. Greeley	do	May 6, 1942
1912–14	Jere A. Costello	do	July 7, 1942
1914–15	Henry C. Wilson	do	May 3, 1962
1915–16	John Q. A. Braden	do	August 27, 1928
1916–17	Lee H. Harris	do	January 14, 1933
1917–18	James E. Maynard	do	November 16, 1930
1918–19	Charles J. P. Weber	do	August 9, 1957
1919–20	Robert H. Wood	do	December 27, 1922
1920–21	William L. Mattocks	do	May 13, 1945
1921–22	Charles W. McCaffrey	do	March 23, 1954
1922–23	Harry F. Patterson	do	August 21, 1956
1923–24	James J. Murphy	do	February 7, 1937
1924–25	Arthur H. League	do	August 15, 1935
1925–26	Clarence A. Belknap	do	April 13, 1983
1926–27	Edward J. Nolan	do	June 14, 1927
1927–28	Albert Michaud	do	June 30, 1932
1928–29	James G. Yaden	do	July 16, 1950
1929–30	Lorin C. Nelson	do	December 11, 1956
1930–31	Benjamin F. Motley	do	November 13, 1947
1931–32	Samuel J. McWilliams	do	December 2, 1946
1932–33	Patrick J. Callan	do	June 14, 1953
1933–34	Charles A. Strobel	do	February 5, 1942
1934–35	Tom D. Binckley	do	September 2, 1944
1935–36	George V. McAlear	do	May 3, 1940
1936–37	James B. Freeland	do	July 22, 1954
1937–38	Victor L. Wooldridge	do	March 16, 1940
1938–39	John M. Farner	do	June 1962
1939–40	Thomas F. Donovan	do	January 16, 1947
1940–41	Calvin B. Lucas	do	October 2, 1954
1941–42	Herbert M. Manning	do	October 12, 1941
1942–43	Elvin M. Luskey	do	May 1, 1958
1943–44	Robert E. Washburne[1]	do	February 11, 1944
1944	William M. LaRoche	do	November 14, 1946
1944–45	Claude L. Pickens	do	June 21, 1968
1945–46	William G. Copley	do	March 4, 1962
1946–47	Charles H. Appich	do	February 22, 1959
1947–48	Vincent A. Asterman	do	April 16, 1959
1948–49	John A. Martin	do	June 21, 1968
1949–50	Fred R. Husemen	do	March 28, 1954
1950–51	Orin P. Bailey	do	June 14, 1967
1951–52	John S. Macaboy	do	August 24, 1961
1952–53	Valentine T. Mayer	do	April 19, 1956

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Continued

[Originally organized May 15, 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded September 8, 1976 by S.O. No. 34]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1953–54	George F. Cook	Washington	November 11, 1959
1954–55	Walter F. Eich	do	May 2, 1969
1955–56	John Wilson	do	August 1, 1963
1956–57	Robert W. Livingston	do	October 30, 1966
1957–58	Frank G. Berry	do	September 14, 1973
1958–59	Frederick L. Fridley	do	November 15, 1971
1959–60	William L. O'Marr	do	October 8, 1970
1960–61	Otto Zambreny	do	June 13, 1972
1961–62	Ralph A. Davis	do	May 22, 1964
1962–63	John W. Kimmerling	do	May 12, 1965
1963–64	Frank G. Berry	do	September 14, 1973
1964–65	Peter Roesle	do	November 8, 1971
1966–67	Walter F. Eich	do	May 2, 1969
1966–68	Frank G. Berry	do	September 14, 1973
1968–72	Otto Zambreny	do	June 13, 1972
1972–73	Frank G. Berry	do	September 14, 1973
1973	Edward G. Painter	do	December 16, 1973
1974	Edward L. Ashby	do	December 29, 1974
1975–76	Solomon Berkowich	do	April 1, 1976

[1]Died in office

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

[Instituted August 14, 1911]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1910–11	Adna G. Clarke	Fort Dade	September 21, 1953
1911–12	Daniel W. Shea	Tampa	January 19, 1933
1912–13	John W. Sachett	Jacksonville	July 3, 1918
1913–14	Wallace A. Jeughin	Tampa	March 21, 1929
1914–15	Edward Anderson	Jacksonville	December 1, 1933
1915–16	Henry E. Cowart	Tampa	June 1948
1916–17	John O'Donoghue	Tampa	March 21, 1923
1917–18	Albert W. Gilchrist	Arcadia	May 16, 1926
1918–19	George E. Spencer	Jacksonville	November 12, 1961
1919–20	R. M. Cary	Pensacola	February 9, 1925
1920–21	Peter E. Bartinett	Miami	December 4, 1938
1921–22	Frank Hale	Key West	April 15, 1935
1923–24	R. A. Terheun	Sanford	January 2, 1929
1924–25	Harvey R. Payne	Jacksonville	March 29, 1946
1925–26	William E. Yorks	West Palm Beach	Unknown
1926–27	Walter B. Ballard	Altamont Springs	August 16, 1956
1927–28	George A. Lane	Miami	April 21, 1932
1928–29	Eugene I. Weil	Tampa	June 27, 1950
1929–30	James W. Gooding	West Palm Beach	October 21, 1949
1930–31	Edwin Murphy	St. Petersburg	June 28, 1948
1931–32	Albert J. Baker	Jacksonville	December 7, 1958
1932–33	Frank P. Burch	DeSota City	April 14, 1940
1933–34	Thomas H. Eads	St. Petersburg	October 18, 1959
1934–35	Thomas H. Derrick	St. Petersburg	April 17, 1952
1935–36	W. F. Adair	Jacksonville	September 30, 1945

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA—Continued

[Instituted August 14, 1911]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1936	Charles R. Head [1]	Avon Park	July 12, 1936
1936–37	W. G. Hankins	Kissimmee	May 9, 1954
1937–38	W. H. Marshall	Ft. Lauderdale	August 16, 1956
1938–39	Sterling Phillips	St. Petersburg	August 10, 1960
1939–40	J. R. Lyles	Sanford	January 30, 1956
1940–41	Joseph S. Chenowith	St. Petersburg	October 11, 1952
1941–42	Edwin C. Wood	West Palm Beach	July 12, 1945
1942–43	Walter D. Patton	Mt. Dora	April 30, 1973
1943–44	Charles O. Foster	Panama City	April 9, 1956
1944–45	M. S. Cook	Lakeland	August 24, 1951
1945–46	John Love	Jacksonville	February 26, 1948
1946–47	Jerry T. Moriarty	St. Cloud	June 15, 1952
1947–48	Herbert W. Hardman	Leesburg	Unknown
1948–49	Thomas R. Martin	West Palm Beach	January 5, 1954
1949–50	Eugene A. Guillott	Pensacola	May 2, 1965
1950–51	William K. Smith	Ocala	May 12, 1970
1951–52	Marion P. Ziegler	St. Petersburg	May 18, 1957
1952–53	William B. Segner	Miami	December 27, 1957
1953–54	Merle Darling	Kissimmee	September 4, 1958
1954–55	George Moran	Jacksonville	September 1, 1966
1955–56	Oscar O. Daumer	West Palm Beach	July 17, 1959
1956–57	George W. Bailey	Hollywood	April 14, 1973
1957–58	Alex Lion	Miami	December 8, 1963
1968–59	Peter M. Hoetger	St. Petersburg	January 13, 1960
1959–60	A. J. Wolfarth	Holly Hill	March 24, 1971
1960–61	Howard S. Davis	Miami	December 14, 1972
1961–62	William H. Fender [1]	St. Petersburg	September 22, 1961
	Frank Staples	Opa Locks	March 14, 1975
1962–63	Simpson G. Sellick	St. Petersburg	July 16, 1964
1963–64	Elias H. Donnell	West Palm Beach	July 12, 1964
1964–65	Jeremiah W. Henry	St. Petersburg	November 16, 1972
1965–66	William O. Jones	Miami	November 24, 1973
1966–67	Einar A. Grytting	Tampa	March 18, 1969
1967–68	Thomas D. Robbins	Ormond Beach	September 22, 1969
1968–69	George E. Guth	Miami	July 24, 1971
1969–70	Enrique Escarraz	Gulfport	December 4, 1973
1970–71	Harry S. Derflinger	Miami	December 1, 1970
1971–72	Wilson L. Dawson	Lake Worth	July 14, 1986
1972–73	Louis Benning	St. Cloud	November 18, 1975
1973–74	Frank A. Ashworth	Miami	January 12, 1980
1974–75	Wilson L. Dawson	Lake Worth	July 14, 1986
1975–79	Frank Ashworth	Miami	January 12, 1980
1979–86	Wilson L. Dawson	Lake Worth	July 14, 1986

[1] Died in office.

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

[Provisional Division, 1906; Department instituted November 30, 1922; disbanded June 25, 1984 by S.O. No. 2]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1906	A. J. Renkl	Augusta	Unknown
1906–07	William L. Orayson	Savannah	March 31, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA—Continued

[Provisional Division, 1906; Department instituted November 30, 1922; disbanded June 25, 1984 by S.O. No. 2]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1908–09	Charles W. Parker	Elberton	Unknown
1910–11	Adna G. Clark	Fort Dade	September 21, 1953
1913–14	Geprge N. Watson	Atlanta	Unknown
1916–17	William J. Simmons	Atlanta	1946
1922–24	John P. Haunson	Atlanta	Unknown
1924–25	Orlin K. Fletcher	Augusta	November 26, 1937
1925–27	William L. Grayson	Savannah	March 31, 1941
1927–29	William M. Burson	Athens	September 1, 1960
1929–30	Arthur W. Luoky	Augusta	June 2, 1953
1930–31	Stephen N. Harris	Savannah	November 18, 1950
1931–32	Barney Bernard	Atlanta	April 18, 1940
1932–33	Walter F. Hill	Albany	November 1, 1947
1933–34	Ralph Steckel	Atlanta	December 13, 1950
1934–35	J. W. Austin	Macon	April 14, 1949
1935–36	Charles Wm. Bernhardt	Atlanta	September 13, 1952
1936–37	Homer W. Stevens	Demorest	Unknown
1937–38	Henry J. Stewart	Rome	August 27, 1957
1938–39	James M. Rogers	Savannah	September 28, 1958
1939–40	William K. Carswell	Blythe	July 1, 1960
1940–41	James H. Burke	Fitzgerald	December 31, 1948
1941–42	Albert E. Cutler	Atlanta	May 20, 1965
1942–43	S. V. Sanford	Athens	September 15, 1945
1943–43	G. E. Pilgrim	Gainesville	November 18, 1959
1943–45	Charles Sancken	Augusta	December 2, 1945
1945–46	W. T. Stradley	Atlanta	December 18, 1969
1946–47	E. D. Pusey	Athens	January 4, 1953
1947–48	John D. Twiggs	Augusta	June 18, 1954
1948–49	William H. Longdin	Atlanta	March 18, 1961
1949–50	Luther M. Diehl	Edison	December 31, 1960
1950–51	James D. Watson	Winder	June 26, 1954
1951–52	T. P. Eberhardt	Brunswick	May 12, 1966
1952–53	F. W. Dorsey	Savannah	1969
1953–54	Charles B. Rhodes	Atlanta	August 26, 1957
1954–55	John H. Hackett	Columbus	November 22, 1957
1955–56	Philip A. Meyer	Savannah	January 4, 1968
1956–57	James A. Hayward	Atlanta	May 10, 1961
1957–58	Henry W. Johnson	Columbus	August 12, 1964
1958–59	Wylie West	Decatur	August 11, 1962
1959–60	Robert B. Arthur	Augusta	June 23, 1966
1960–61	Edward Chambers	Macon	December 4, 1966
1961–62	Andrew R. Paul	Savannah	February 1, 1973
1962–64	Robert B. Arthur	Augusta	June 23, 1966
1964–65	Fred Murphy	Decatur	March 26, 1973
1965–66	Andrew R. Paul	Savannah	February 1, 1973
1966–67	Philip A. Meyer	Savannah	January 4, 1968
1967–72	Andrew R. Paul	Savannah	February 1, 1973
1972–76	Ralph E. Dunston	Augusta	March 27, 1979
1976–84	Joseph M. Reese	Gainesville	June 23, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAII

[Provisional Division 1906; Department organized July 24, 1912; disbanded S.O. No. 7, April 1, 1921]

Term served	Name	Location	Date of death
1906–08	James K. Brown	Honolulu	Unknown
1909	Paul Smith	Honolulu	Unknown
1911–13	L. E. Twomey	Honolulu	December 24, 1933
1913–14	Ernest W. Ely	Fort Shafter	Unknown
1914–15	Albert C. Bellamy	Schofield Barracks	February 7, 1938
1915–16	James T. MacDonald	Schofield Barracks	Unknown
1916–17	William H. Duty	Schofield Barracks	Unknown
1917–18	R. S. Kelly	Honolulu	Unknown
1918	Samuel A. Jenkins	Honolulu	Unknown

[Camps furloughed G.O. 4, March 19, 1918 for duration World War I. Department never reorganized]

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

(Instituted April 7, 1927; disbanded September 7, 1976 by S.O. No 33)

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

(Originally organized in 1901; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904)

1962–63	S. Leroy Mendel, Galva
1968–69	S. Leroy Mendel, Galva
1970–87	S. Leroy Mendel, Galva

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

(Originally instituted 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded March 28, 1983 by S.O. No. 8)

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

(Instituted June 1, 1905)

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

(Instituted November 4, 1905; disbanded October 31, 1971 by S.O. No. 5)

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

(Originally organized July 5, 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904; disbanded 1919; reorganized May 13, 1924)

DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA

(Instituted December 15, 1923; disbanded July 17, 1980 by S.O. No. 30)

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

(Originally organized 1903; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904; disbanded June 30, 1965 by S.O. No. 87)

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

(Instituted December 20, 1919; disbanded February 17, 1960 by S.O. No. 28)

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

(Originally organized May 9, 1899; as Legion of Spanish War Veterans; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans October 9, 1906)

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

(Originally organized an 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904)

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

(Originally organized 1903; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904; disbanded August 18, 1981 by S.O. No. 12)

DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI

(Instituted February 2, 1924; disbanded June 10, 1971 by S.O. No. 50)

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

(Instituted August 18, 1905; disbanded March 28, 1983 by S.O. No. 5)

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

(Originally organized June 9, 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904; disbanded June 30, 1986 by S.O. No. 3)

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

(Instituted 1909; disbanded August 8, 1984 by S.O. No. 10)

DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

(Originally organized August 10, 1909; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans August 17, 1939; disbanded January 19, 1971 by S.O. No. 24)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(Instituted July 14, 1907; disbanded August 15, 1969 by S.O. No. 45)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

(Originally organized November 28, 1899, instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904)

1978–87 ..... John T. Fitzgerald, Bayonne

DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO

(Instituted April 21, 1930; disbanded June 30, 1971 by S.O. No. 56)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

(Originally organized 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans August 16, 1904)

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

(Instituted February 27, 1924; disbanded January 26, 1979 by S.O. No. 3)

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

(Instituted July 27, 1931; disbanded June 16, 1966 by S.O. No. 72)

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

(Originally organized 1899; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904)

DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

(Instituted December 4, 1905)

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

(Instituted December 1, 1909; disbanded August 8, 1984 by S.O. No. 7)

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

(Originally organized 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans August 16, 1904)

DEPARTMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

(Dates of institution and disbandment unknown)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

(Instituted September 1904; Amalgamated May 18, 1908; disbanded August 15, 1969 by S.O. No. 46)

DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC

(1900–1910 Department of Virginia; instituted as Department of the Potomac April 30, 1910; disbanded July 28, 1980 by S.O. No. 35)

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

(Originally organized February 12, 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans, April 18, 1904; disbanded March 18, 1971 by S.O. No. 30)

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Instituted October 26, 1922; disbanded August 8, 1984 by S.O. No. 5)

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

(Instituted July 5, 1920; disbanded December 28, 1976 by S.O. No. 9)

DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

(Original institution date unknown; disbanded August 9, 1977 by S.O. No. 34)

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

(Instituted in 1909; disbanded; reorganized January 26, 1924; disbanded August 26, 1982 by S.O. No. 11)

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

(Instituted in 1906; disbanded 1916; reorganized July 27, 1929; disbanded July 28, 1980 by S.O. No. 39)

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

(Originally organized in 1904; disbanded 1919; reorganized July 4, 1929; disbanded May 13, 1964 by S.O. No. 64)

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

(Instituted June 11, 1909; disbanded June 4, 1980 by S.O. No. 28)

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

(Originally organized 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904; consolidated as Department of Washington and Alaska by S.O. No. 55, Series 1909-10; G.O. No. 3, February 28, 1910)

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

(February 28, 1910)

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

(Originally organized 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans July 10, 1924, disbanded June 4, 1980 by S.O. No. 27)

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

(Originally organized 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans April 18, 1904; disbanded March 28, 1983 by S.O. No. 4)

DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING

(Organized in 1919 as Department of Colorado and Wyoming; disbanded by S.O. No. 82, January 6, 1933; organized as Department of Wyoming, January 6, 1933 by S.O. No. 84; disbanded May 9, 1978 by S.O. No. 27)

ROLL OF THE 89TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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Executive Board.....Arthur T. Lou.
Executive Board..... Elaine Keiser.
Executive Board.....Anne N. Garber.

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Massachusetts.....Walter D. Clisbee

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Sunday afternoon, September 13, 1987

The first business session, United Spanish War Veterans, 89th National Encampment was held on September 13, 1987 in Room 131, International Inn, Orlando, FL. It was called to order at 2:45 p.m. with Acting Commander in Chief Robert E. Shakespeare presiding.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. The 89th National Encampment will come to order. We will stand, salute the flag and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

In unison: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and the Republic for which it stands; One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The Acting Chaplain in Chief, Arthur Lou will give the invocation.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. Heavenly Father we are very glad to be here at this convention. We invoke Thy divine blessing to be with us in all our deliberations. May it all be in keeping with Thy holy will and divine providence.

Bless Thou the nation that we represent and its men who today are carrying its banners upon every sea.

Bless those of our number who cannot be with us, some because of ill health, others because of other reasons they cannot prevent. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with them wherever they may be this day, we ask it in Thine own precious name. Amen.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We will repeat in unison Americanism. ["Americanism" repeated by the assembly.] We'll have the roll call at this time.

Adjutant General COPE. S. Leroy Mendel, Commander in Chief, present. Robert E. Shakespeare, Acting Commander in Chief, present. Ruth Syler, Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Absent. Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief Lawrence B. Stretz, present. Adjutant General Beulah M. Cope, present. Joseph A. Lapan, Absent. Arthur T. Lou, present. Elaine Keiser, present. Anne N. Garber, present. Acting Department Commander Evelyn Fischer, present. Acting Department Commander Walter D. Clisbee, in "Sons" meeting. Willis B. Liggitt has recently had a tumor removed from his lung. He said he couldn't come this year and doesn't know if he will be coming in the future. He sounded quite depressed.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. What about Charles Holt?

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. I'm sorry. Charles Holt has a new address but I left in a hurry and don't have it. As far as I know he

is well. Margaret is making progress. I will forward his address to you.

Adjutant General COPE. Have you heard from Arnold Lapan?

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I tried again at noon to call him but no answer. Well we'll go on to officers reports. Commander in Chief, would you like to tell us a little bit about how you have been doing this year. About your speaking to the Illinois legislature and your visit with the Governor. You have had a fine busy year haven't you?

Commander in Chief MENDEL. I went to the convalescent home. They were nice to me. I preached there every Sunday from 10 to 11. I've been singing in the churches. But I haven't covered the ground as well as I used to. I did go to the capitol. The Major General of the Illinois National Guard was there and he asked me to sing. I recited some of my poems too. I told them how I've worked with children.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I will read my report as Acting Commander in Chief.

[Report was read. It is printed in "Officers' Reports".]

Brother Stretz, Do you have a Report?

[Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief Stretz read his report. It is printed in "Committee Reports".]

[Acting Chaplain in Chief Lou read his report. It is printed in "Committee Reports".]

[Board Member Elaine Keiser gave a verbal report.]

Do we have any Standing Committee reports?

[Adjutant General Cope read the Adjutant General's Report and the report of the auditor. It is printed in "Committee Reports".]

[Adjutant General Cope read the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. It is printed in "Committee Reports".]

We certainly accept that financial report with gratitude and as usual saving here and saving there. Beulah does something she should not do. She makes a lot of telephone calls and does not charge the organization. Pays them out of her own pocket as she does many other things.

Now the Resolutions Committee Appointments. I see that Lawrence Stretz is Chairman.

Adjutant General COPE. He'll need some people with him. I understand we have had one submitted.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I'll turn this over to you and you can read it. Then we'll need a courtesy resolution. Here are some sample copies of previous ones. You'll have to get the names of the hotel people and some Elaine will have to supply.

Now regarding greetings, what do you think of this? The Commander in Chief is not able to go around and take greetings, so could not they come and greet him?

Board Member KEISER. When they come with their own greetings, he would greet them.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. Why couldn't we say that at the All-States Dinner the Commander in Chief will greet them. Everybody would be there. I don't think he should go around.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Well I think we had better go to the election of officers.

Adjutant General COPE. We have 8 registered, the Sons have 15, the Auxiliary has 104 and the Daughters 82.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Our veterans are Commander in Chief Mendel and Comrade John T. Fitzgerald of Toms River, New Jersey. So that would be a Commander in Chief and Senior Vice Commander in Chief that we would be electing.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. I nominate S. Leroy Mendel to be Commander in Chief and Comrade Fitzgerald as Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. I second the nomination.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. S. Leroy Mendel for commander in chief has been nominated by Lawrence B. Stretz and Comrade John T. Fitzgerald has been nominated for Senior Vice Commander in Chief. There being no other nominations I declare the nominations closed.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. Acting Commander in Chief, I move that the Adjutant General cast a unanimous ballot for the Commander in Chief and Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. I second the motion.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. It has been moved and seconded that the Adjutant General cast a unanimous ballot for the Commander in Chief and Senior Vice Commander in Chief, S. Leroy Mendel and John T. Fitzgerald respectively. All those in favor signify by the usual sign. Are there any opposed. The motion is carried and it is so ordered.

Now we have an Acting Commander in Chief, and Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief and an Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief to elect. What is your pleasure?

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. I nominate Bob Shakespeare for Acting Commander in Chief.

Board Member KEISER. I'll second it.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. Acting Commander in Chief, I move that our Adjutant General cast a unanimous vote for Bob Shakespeare as Acting Commander in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. I second the motion.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. It has been moved and seconded that the Adjutant General cast a unanimous vote for Bob Shakespeare as Acting Commander in Chief. I hear no objection and it is so ordered.

Now we come to Senior Acting Commander in Chief.

Board Member GARBER. I'll nominate Larry Stretz.

Board Member KEISER. I'll second the nomination.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Are there any further nominations [Repeated 3 times.] Hearing none I declare the nominations closed and direct the Adjutant General to cast a unanimous ballot for Lawrence B. Stretz as Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

And now we come to Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. Acting Commander in Chief I nominate Arthur T. Lou for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Board Member KEISER. I second it.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Arthur T. Lou has been nominated for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Any further nominations? Hearing none I declare the nominations closed and direct the Adjutant General to cast a unanimous ballot for Arthur T. Lou as Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

We will now take up Convention invitations. But before we do that, Evelyn would you serve as Acting Chaplain in Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans for next year, 1987–88?

Delegate FISCHER. Well anything I can do for the veterans.

Board Member KEISER. Then I'll nominate her.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. That is an appointed office. So she is appointed. Arthur has done a fine job this year and Lawrence had it for two years previously, so we can give you all kinds of help.

Delegate FISCHER. Well, I have experienced willingness but sometime your mind doesn't know what you have to do to fulfill your duties.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Anne, you are Chief of Staff now aren't you? You will represent the United Spanish War Veterans whenever necessary and bring greetings in Pennsylvania.

Beulah. Do we have any specific convention invitations?

Adjutant General COPE. This is from the Hyatt Regency and they have been calling me. They would like very much to have a convention. They have hotels all over the United States and I have been dealing with the national sales manager. I had told her that we didn't want to go over fifty dollars if we could help it so she said she would see what she could do. She found one hotel in Denver, Colorado that would take us for a price of that level if we came over Labor Day. This letter is from the Hyatt-Regency Tech Center.

We are delighted that the United Spanish War Veterans are interested in convening at the HYATT REGENCY TECH CENTER HOTEL. Accordingly , we are pleased to provide you with the following details concerning available dates, accommodations, and our facilities.

The HYATT REGENCY TECH CENTER opened its doors on December 31, 1985 with 450 luxurious guest rooms including 25 suites. The hotel is located in the southeast section of Denver just 20 minutes away from Stapleton International Airport, and 5 minutes away from some of the finest shopping and restaurants in the city. We have over 20,000 square feet of meeting space to accommodate groups from 15 to 1500.

At this writing, the following accommodations and dates are available:

Friday, September 2, 1988, 70 Rooms.
Saturday, September 3, 1988, 70 Rooms.
Sunday, September 4, 1988, 70 Rooms.
Monday, September 5, 1988, 70 Rooms.
Tuesday, September 6, 1988, 70 Rooms.
Wednesday, September 7, 1988, 70 Rooms.
Thursday, September 8, 1988, Check-Out.

Although we do not have a day by day agenda for your function space, we understand your basic needs to be:

4 Breakouts
15pp
25pp

35pp
75pp
3 Banquets 175–200pp (Approximately)
3 Receptions 175–200pp (Approximately)
2 Lunches 175–200pp (Approximately)

CONVENTION RATES

Our current rates are: Single occupancy: $92.00, 102.00, 112.00; Double occupancy $102.00, 112.00, 122.00

Guest room rates extended to you at this time, based on your guest rooms utilization and function space requirements as outlined, would be: Single occupancy: $42.00; Double occupancy: $45.00.

The above rates are not and do not include the current 11.8% Lodging Tax.

COMPLIMENTARY ACCOMMODATIONS

The hotel will compliment one (1) unit for each fifty (50) occupied revenue room nights.

Units are defined as follows:

Guest Room = 1 unit
Panorama Suite:
1-Bedroom = 2 units
2-Bedroom = 3 units
Parlor = 1 unit
Hospitality
Parlor = 2 units
1-Bedroom = 3 units
2-Bedroom = 4 units
VIP Suite = 4 units
Deluxe Suite = 5 units

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

The Southeast Airport shuttle services the HYATT REGENCY TECH CENTER from Stapleton International Airport. The current cost is $7.00 each way. If specific times are needed, a time schedule can be provided.

PARKING

There are approximately 500 parking spaces around the hotel—250 of these are in a parking garage with the remainder surrounding the hotel. All parking is complimentary.

LOCAL SHUTTLE SERVICE

The HYATT REGENCY TECH CENTER offers complimentary shuttle service. on a first come, first served basis within a five (5) mile radius of the hotel in our eight (8) passenger van and our fifteen (15) passenger van.

HEALTH CLUB FACILITIES

The HYATT REGENCY TECH CENTER offers an indoor pool, saunas, jacuzzi, exercise room and an outdoor lighted tennis court. We also have a mileage charted trail map for running in the area.

In addition to the HYATT'S REGENCY'S health facilities, guests have access to the nearby Greenwood Athletic Club facilities for a nominal fee. Facilities include:

—Racquetball/Handball/Tennis Courts
—Nautilus and Free Weight Room
—Indoor Pool
—Daily Fitness Classes
—Indoor Running Track
—Healthmark Clinic

CONCLUSION

Since all accommodations and facilities are available for sale on a first come, first serve basis, we would like to discuss the proposal as soon as possible. I will give you a call in about two weeks. Please do not hesitate to call us in the meantime if we may be of assistance.

We're all looking forward to having the United Spanish War Veterans with us. We know you won't be disappointed.

Regards,
JANET W. SCHIEL
Sales Manager
Hyatt Regency Tech Center

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Now Marie Cruise said to me that Denver or any place in Colorado was absolutely out for half of the Auxiliary including herself, Elizabeth Cahill, Mildred Backus, Bill Backus, anybody with a health condition of high blood pressure or fainting spells because it is very high, 1000 feet, so I don't think we should really think about that. I couldn't go. Now another thing we should really try to make this as close and convenient for our people so they don't have to make too many changes in planes so it couldn't be too hard on Commander Mendel I think all these things are very important.

Adjutant General COPE. I have a leaflet and I answered a questionnaire from the Hyatt Regency in Knoxville. It looks like a beautiful place but I didn't follow up on it because I thought it would be too expensive. I have since heard from another place in Knoxville and she has a lot of information in here. It reads:

Our hotel the Holiday Inn at Cedar Bluff would like to accommodate your group for September 1988.

We can offer you all of the necessary sleeping rooms that you need and hopefully what you may need for your meetings. I will need more information however, before I can give you any prices.

Enclosed, please find the hotel information packet showing the breakdown of meeting space, our current menus and a brochure showing our hotel.

Please call me when you have looked at this information, as I do not have your phone number, so we may discuss your conference needs.

Sincerely,

BEVERLY MYRICK
Director of Sales
Holiday Inn at Cedar Bluff

I just received this so I didn't have time to call her. The menu prices are pretty high so I expect the room rates might be high too.

Then I have a letter from the Galt House in Louisville. It reads like this:

The GALT HOUSE HOTEL in Louisville, Kentucky has had the extreme privilege of hosting a number of military reunions. The military reunion market is very special to us and we continue to make every effort possible to entice more of this type of business to meet at our hotel. We are not the only ones to benefit from your people meeting here, because in return we deliver the finest in accommodations, food and service. Basically we try to provide the perfect surroundings in order that your people may relax and reminisce.

In 1986 we developed a special military reunion rate of $55 single or double, for 1987 this rate was increased to $58 single or double. We do understand the increasing expenses incurred by your members not only at your particular reunions, but just in everyday life. Therefore I am pleased to announce that for 1988 we will continue to offer the 1987 rate of $58 single or double to all military reunions (based on availability). Additionally, parking is free to overnight paid guests of the GALT HOUSE HOTELS.

While we realize the importance of these reunions as a time to simply get together and talk about good old days, it is also important to have an abundance of outside activities at your beckon call. Certainly, Louisville is perfect for this as our city offers many varied attractions. Opening in 1987 is Kentucky Kingdom, a new family oriented theme park located only ten minutes from the GALT HOUSE HOTELS. Also opening very soon will be the Kentucky Botanical Gardens, a beautiful acreage simi-

lar to that in St. Louis which has been enjoyed for many years by visitors. Of course with our downtown location, shopping and entertainment for all are within walking distance, and perhaps our most popular attraction, the Belle of Louisville paddlewheeler, docks right at our front door.

So you can see there are many good reasons to join us here in Louisville, Kentucky at the GALT HOUSE HOTEL for your future reunion.

Please call or write me if there is any way that we may fit into your plans. Or, simply fill out the enclosed reply card (postage paid) and return it to me to start planning for your best reunion yet. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

MARK W. BARNES
Sales Manager

Adjutant General COPE. Then we have the invitation from Ohio. I wrote to Bill Backus and reminded him that they have not supplied any information this year or any rates. They had told us last year that we could have our choice of Cleveland, Columbia or Akron and I had received one brochure from a Cleveland Motel earlier this year. It was a Holiday Inn at Strongville but they are 20 minutes out, one mile south of the exit for downtown Cleveland. They do offer complimentary service from the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and they are the right size. I thought they were a little too far out so I didn't follow up on it. Evelyn Fischer brought the invitation from Des Moines today. I had also talked to the girl there so she got the information on what we needed and then called Evelyn and got the invitation to her. It's for the Hotel Fort Des Moines. She also told me that downtown has been made over since 1978 and we would never know it.

Delegate FISCHER. May I add she asked me the dates and I said the last of August or we would need a date in September. On the first page it says we do have available August 26 through September 1. Then when I read everything I called her again and said you didn't send any September dates and she said well you can have the 9th to the 14th but she said that would run $56 because we have so many commitments for September but she said maybe some other August dates earlier in the month may be available.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. What was the price for August 26 to September 1?

Adjutant General COPE. Maybe we should read the letter first.

Delegate FISCHER. Here on page 2 one person per room is $52, two persons per room $26, three persons per room $17.33 and four persons per room $13.00. Of course there is state tax of 4% and then 7% bed tax. They finished redoing the hotel in 1984. They built the South building. They made a swimming pool and Des Moines has overhead sidewalks now and the Walnut Street Mall is pedestrians only. No traffic at all. For a tour there are a lot of things. They have a new botanical building and a new historical building which they opened the day after Labor Day.

Part of our commitment to every HOTEL FORT DES MOINES guest is to provide the very best in services at the very best price. We realize that you are buying more than beds and food and beverage. You are buying service.

We assure you of our commitment to deliver that value with the following accommodations, amenities and services:

All guest rooms are equipped with digital AM/FM alarm radios, color televisions, king-size or double size beds, and telephones. We are proud of our guest rooms. During the extensive renovation, each received priority attention. They were selected to blend with our tradition of elegance.

All guest rooms are given twice daily maid service. Our dedicated housekeeping staff cleans thoroughly each morning and returns in the early evening to empty waste baskets and replenish bathroom supplies.

All guest rooms receive a complimentary morning newspaper, delivered to each guest's door Monday through Saturday.

All guest rooms receive evening turndown service complete with a chocolate mint on the pillow.

Our suites have deluxe appointments, including a private wetbar, private parlor with sleeper sofa, and private bath.

Room service is available from 6:30 to 9 p.m. offering a complete range of menu items from breakfast to cocktails.

We also provide for you, pre-printed postage paid reservation cards; for distribution to your membership. In addition your members may use our toll-free direct reservation lines:

Iowa: 1-800-532-1466. National: 1-800-247-8057.

The HOTEL FORT DES MOINES has fully equipped handicapped rooms, and all areas of our hotel and grounds are barrier free.

In addition we offer one complementary Suite per night, per fifty rooms occupied per night. V.I.P. service, including a complimentary fruit/cheese basket and a bottle of wine, completes our complimentary suite package. These suites normally run between $100 and $300 per night.

If you have been calculating all of these special extras, you're probably concerned that it will cost your members a pretty penny. It won't. In fact, you will most likely pay less to receive more when you select the HOTEL FORT DES MOINES.

The HOTEL FORT DES MOINES will extend special guest room rates of $52.00 for up to four persons per room, for your 1988 convention. (These are at considerable savings in comparison to our 1988 regular room rates of $74.00 single and $88.00 double occupancy.)

So with a flat room rate of $52.00 the person costs break down as follows:

one person per room $52.00
two persons per room $26.00
three persons per room $17.33
four persons per room $13.00

Obviously this rate structure is most advantageous with multiple occupancy rooms.

Adjutant General COPE. This letter is from the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau.

On behalf of the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau and the city of Des Moines, I would like to extend a formal invitation to hold the 1988 United Spanish War Veterans Convention in Des Moines.

Centrally located in the nation, Des Moines is easily accessible by air. The Des Moines International Airport is located approximately 12 minutes from the heart of downtown and 20 minutes from most other parts of the city. Air service is provided by American, America West, Continental, Eastern (via Air Midwest Shuttle), Midway, Northwest Orient, TWA, and United. There are approximately 42 flights with over 9,000 seats in and out per day.

Located at the intersection of coast to coast I-80 and border to border I-35 Des Moines is easily accessible for drive-in visitors.

Downtown Des Moines has experienced over $700 million in new construction since you last met here in 1978. One of the most visible features of the 'new downtown Des Moines' is the 2-mile long skywalk system which connects shopping, restaurants, the Convention Center, hotels, entertainment and other recreational and cultural points of interest. Rain or shine, your members will remain comfortable in the climate-controlled skywalk.

The Hotel Fort Des Moines has proposed their hotel as the site for your 1988 convention. Their staff is ready to make your stay a memorable one. However, if Des Moines is selected as the 1988 site and the dates available at the Hotel Fort Des Moines do not fit your particular needs, the Bureau would assist you in looking at other options. Their official proposal is enclosed.

Des Moines offers a number of recreational and sightseeing attractions. Excursions might include the State Capitol, the nationally renowned Art Center, the Botanical Center, and the Salisbury House. Your members may want to even consider a side tour to Pella, a Dutch community, or the Amana Colonies, an Amish settlement with old-world ways.

If you plan to hold your meeting in August, these are dates of several special events you should consider. The U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championships will be in Indianola July 29-August 6. Enjoy this spectacular Kaleidoscope of colors as more than 100 balloonist compete daily.

The Iowa State Fair will be held August 18-20. This grandaddy of state fairs is listed in the top "100 tourist attractions" in the U.S.

During the months of September and October, the Des Moines area will be host to Pufferbilly Days. Valley Arts Festival and the Covered Bridge Festival with these and other attractions, we believe you will find Des Moines a superlative location for your convention.

Your members can also enjoy a wide variety of restaurants in Des Moines. Ranked 14th nationally in number of restaurants per capita, Des Moines can offer a wide variety for every taste and budget. A unique addition to the restaurant scene is the Court Avenue District. Located downtown and skywalk accessible, this historic warehouse district has a wide array of restaurants and night clubs. All of these are very reasonably priced and offer a unique atmospheres.

Most important, Des Moines offers great value for you and your members. Des Moines is 21% below the national average per diem, thus making it an attractive and affordable meeting destination

Des Moines is most enthusiastic to be selected for your 1988 convention. The combination of Des Moines' easily accessible central location, first class facilities and reasonable prices make Des Moines an excellent meeting destination for the United Spanish War Veterans. Des Moines is a safe, secure, hassle-free, convention city.

I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

JACQUE GENOVESE
Convention Sales Manager

There is also a letter from the Mayor:

It is with a special enthusiasm that I extend a personal invitation to the Executive Committee of the United Spanish War Veterans to meet in Des Moines in 1988. Let me reinforce that invitation by pledging the total support from the city of Des Moines to guarantee you a successful meeting while in our City.

Please pardon my pride, but the stature of our three-time award winning All American City has risen along with out skyline. You will be pleasantly pleased, . . . maybe even surprised . . . with our new dynamic cosmopolitan image. All with just a touch of pizzazz Des Moines has all the necessary ingredients to make your convention a success. Please give serious and positive consideration to our invitation. It would be my distinct pleasure to officially welcome you and your convention to Des Moines.

Cordially,

JOHN P. DORRIAN
Mayor of Des Moines

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. How much more is there?

Adjutant General COPE. We still have Cleveland. They put in their invitation long before the others.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Did they name their hotels?

Adjutant General COPE. Yes they are here with a description of each one. The first letter is from the Convention Bureau of Greater Cleveland:

We are honored to invite the United Spanish War Veterans to conduct their Convention in Cleveland in August of September 1988.

These are some little-known facts about Cleveland on America's North Coast that will amaze you. It is a bustling international port, has more lake-shore than any other metropolitan area in the world, and more yacht clubs than San Diego.

Cleveland is enjoying renewed vitality as a leading convention center with future bookings up 56%. Among our many attractions, "a completely remodeled Convention Center, one of the biggest and best in the country"; one of the finest airport terminals, the 8th busiest in the nation: many new and renovated hotel facilities; and exciting entertainment and night life to compliment Cleveland's world-re-

nowned cultural attractions. All of this is within 500 miles of 55% of the U.S. population.

There is much to see and do in Cleveland and a warm welcome awaits you. You may be confident that our desire is not only to invite you, but to have the pleasure of serving you in Cleveland, "The Great Lake City on America's North Coast."

Cordially,

TERRENCE J. O'BRIEN
Sales Manager

There are also letters here from Dale R. Finley, President, Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland and George V. Voinovich, Mayor of Cleveland. The hotels they mention are the Bond Court Hotel, the Stouffer Tower City Plaza, the Hollenden House and the Holiday Inn/Lakeside.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I think maybe we had better recess so the ladies can get ready for dinner. We can take this up again tomorrow afternoon. We stand recessed until 2:00 in the afternoon [The meeting recessed at 5:30 o'clock.]

JOINT SESSION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday morning, September 14, 1987

The joint session and memorial service of the United Spanish War Veterans, Eighty-ninth National Encampment, and affiliated organizations, convened on September 14, 1987 in the Delta-Shawnee Rooms, International Inn at Orlando, FL, 9:15 a.m. with Acting Commander in Chief Robert E. Shakespeare presiding.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. This is the Joint Session and Memorial Service of the 89th National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans and national conventions of the Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans and the Daughters of '98.

Provost Marshal, commence the Parade of States with their colors. [The colors of Georgia, Iowa, Ohio, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, District of Columbia, Tennessee and the Daughters of '98 were advanced as their names were called and marched around the room three times.]

We will all repeat Americanism. In unison: "Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

Our national anthem led by Leone K. Helding National Auxiliary Soloist. [The national anthem was sung.]

The invocation by Arthur T. Lou, Acting Chaplain in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not his benefits." Psalm 103, verse 2.

Bless our comrades, O my Lord, and forget not what they sacrificed for us. In your name, Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans, Sisters of the Auxiliary. Sons of Spanish-American War veterans, Cadets of the Daughters of '98.

Almighty God. Help us not only to acknowledge Thee, but may thy spirit so possess and so guide us that we may set forward thy kingdom among the nations of the earth. Assist us to contend with bigotry, to fight without animosity and to guard with undivided devotion the precious heritage of freedom. We thank Thee for American security, and pray thou directing watchful care for all those holding responsibility and having authority over us. Special thanks for this occasion, the 89th National Encampment of our Organization, the United Spanish War Veterans and affiliated units, who kept faith as makers of history. Let Thy tender mercy cover all who are bereaved. Pray for any who are needy. These and our unspoken prayers are offered in the name of Jesus, Thy only son. Amen.

Just one moment please. At this time I would like to pay a little tribute to the men on the *USS Stark* with a moment of silence. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Welcoming remarks from Elizabeth C. Cahill, National Auxiliary Convention Chairman.

Chairman CAHILL. Brother Shakespeare, honored leaders of our organization, distinguished guests and all assembled.

On behalf of Helen C. Fitch, Past Department President of Georgia and co-chairman of this convention, Lisa Burdette, Department President of Georgia and City Chairman of this convention and myself, I welcome you to the 84th annual convention of the National Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans.

Each year, we meet in a different city and look forward to a pleasant stay in that city. I am sure that this year will not prove to be an exception because the City of Orlando and surrounding areas provide much in the way of entertainment and sightseeing.

We all join in celebrating the fact that our Commander in Chief, S. Leroy Mendel, is once again able to be with us and attend our various functions. The members of the Auxiliary are happy to welcome him and hope he will be with us for many years to come.

Let us all join forces to make this an outstanding convention so that we can return to our homes with a feeling of a job well done.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you. At this time it is my honor to introduce to you our national officers.

We have with us our 103-year-old Spanish American War Veteran, the Commander in Chief, the Reverend Samuel Leroy Mendel.

Commander in Chief MENDEL. Well I don't have much to say because man is just a human being like yourself and I understand very well that God loves all of us. In fact it says that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. We also stick to the thought that we love one another as brothers and sisters. Thy love lives in our hearts. If God loves us we should love God in return. Those who see, voice God's views. They listen to the voice of Jesus Christ through the message of his life. I thank you very much. I feel very humble that I can sit here and talk to you and feel the impression of your hearts pressing against mine. The light of God is in the feeling of others. God is involved with our human propensities. We have labored in love and have love in him.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Catherine B. Raulerson, the National President, Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans.

National President RAULERSON. Thank you all for coming.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Richard Evans, Jr. the National President, the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans.

National President EVANS. Thank you.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Elsie F. Barnaby, National Fort Captain, Daughters of '98.

National Fort Captain BARNABY. Thank you.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. At this time we are honored to have with us the Mayor pro tempore of the city of Orlando, the Honorable Glenda F. Hood.

Mayor pro tempore HOOD. Thank you very much Mr. Shakespeare and good morning to every one here, and especially the national officers and Reverend Mendel. I enjoyed your words. Thank you very much. I am delighted being here representing the city of Orlando and the Mayor and City Council to bring you greetings.

I think Ms. Cahill said it very well when she talked about the many people we have in this community of Orlando and central Florida. I hope that sometime between meetings or following your meetings you will have a chance to enjoy some of the things that we think are so special in this area. I understand you are going to have a tour of portions of our city tomorrow and that will be very beneficial. We feel that the greatest asset in this community, I think, is here in our organization and people. I hope you will come in contact with the natives of Orlando with their items here. They feel very warm in their welcome extended to you. As you were singing the National Anthem and the closing lines "the land of the free and the home of the brave," it made me think how significant it is that you are here this week, which is Constitution Week. We are celebrating the two hundredth birthday of the signing of the United States Constitution. We are so very fortunate to live in the United States of America and to be Americans. We have our freedom because of that living document, and I hope that each of you in your own way will join in the commemoration this week. We of course have had many brave individuals who have made sure that freedom was maintained. Those of you in this room fall into that category and I, on behalf of my fellow commissioners and the people in the city of Orlando, thank you for that and again for coming to our state.

Acting- Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you very much. At this time Marion Gross, National Patriotic Instructor of the National Auxiliary has a presentation to make.

National Patriotic Instructor GROSS. Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, members and friends. Commissioner Hood is right that the . . . for the city of Orlando. In 1898 our fathers and grandfathers sailed Tampa Bay on the way to Cuba to defend that nation during the Spanish American War. The fact is that Fort DeSota is on the key they traversed. The mortars still stand there exactly as they did in 1898 to defend the entrance to Tampa Bay. They are maintained by Pinellis County as a historical site. Now we come back to Florida honoring this memory. The United Spanish War Veterans, the Auxiliary, the Sons and Daughters have gathered in your beautiful city for their annual encampment.

Your fine welcome and your delightful hospitality are dearly appreciated. It gives me great pleasure to present to you this plaque as a token of esteem and pleasure, our definition of Americanism.

Mayor pro tempore HOOD. Thank you very much.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Elsie Barnaby the National Fort Captain of the Daughters of '98 has a presentation.

National Fort Captain BARNABY. As National Fort Captain of the Daughters of '98, I present this gift from the Daughters.

Mayor pro tempore HOOD. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you for coming. At this time we are to be favored with an address by the Honorable Carlos L. Rainwater, Director of the Veterans' Administration Regional Office in St. Petersburgh.

Director RAINWATER. Mr. Shakespeare, Chairman, Commander Mendel, national officers of the United Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliary, good morning. I bring you greetings from the staff of the Veterans' Administration Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL. First I want to welcome you to Florida, the Sunshine State, and this comes from probably the only native you will ever meet. Anybody else in this room a Florida native? There are not many of us. I am glad to know there is one more. You are welcome to Florida, the Sunshine State. We hope that your stay in Orlando will be pleasant and that you will come back many times. I was reading a book by Winston Churchill. Churchill was, you know, one of the outstanding leaders of the free world, and he said something very sage which I have always tried to follow. It goes something like this. Never try to climb a tree that is leaning toward you, never try to kiss a lady who is leaning away from you, and never speak to an audience about a subject that they know more about than you do. So I have always tried to adhere to those principles. Now I've followed so many trees and I've been knocked off by many ladies and I don't bore you with a long address. Tales of Spanish American War history you know more about than I do. I suppose that my perspective of the Spanish War is a little different than many of you. I served in the Korean conflict, which was a long way from the Spanish War, but I am a history buff and I have studied the histories of our wars.

My thoughts of the Spanish American War are of a person who was here during World War II and observed the things that happened to our country which trace back at least in my opinion to the events of the Spanish War in 1898. For example the two events in the two islands that were most involved in the Spanish War were first the Island off the coast of Key West which is Cuba and the Philippine Islands. Those two were the points which were the key to the national events which took place, for several wars since 1898. What was back of the Spanish War, the Spanish imperialism, the blowing up of the *USS Maine*? All those things you know better than I do. But from my perspective this particular position of this nation was solidified by the events of 1898. Take for a minute the island of Cuba. We all know that the process of the island of Cuba has been unstable over the years and they are still in an unstable situation. It is a Communist country. However we all know that the United States maintains a strong military presence in Guantanamo, which is the key to the Caribbean defense system maintained by the Navy and Marine Corps. The Philippines today is one of the key points in the Pacific Ocean and the Far East. The Vietnam War was staged from the Philippine bases of that country. These are the long-reaching results of the war that was fought in 1898 by the U.S. These are among the things that

history has somewhat forgotten that happened in the war of 1898. You may not know but they are synonymous of that war which I know through my knowledge of history. This is a salute to Comrade Mendel's position of having been in that war which he should never forget.

Then, too, reference is made to the *USS Stark* and you observed a moment of tribute to those men. You may or may not know that the *USS Stark*'s home port is Mayport, FL, in the Jacksonville area. It was recently my sad duty to travel to Mayport and to interview 17 of the widows of the *Stark* casualties. I can assure you whether it was 1898 or 1917, or 1935 or 1969, the world does not change. The world moves on from the *Stark* tragedy. I had to sit with 17 young women with small children trying to explain to them what was available to them through the Veterans' Administration as a result of this sacrifice which their husbands and fathers had made.

These young women range in age from 17 years old to 28 years old. Two of them were pregnant as I talked to them. Seven of them had small children. That is the price which is paid for war by this nation. We of the Veterans' Administration sit in our offices and we made decisions which are delivering benefits to the veterans and their survivors. Believe me it comes hard when you sit see across you desk a 19-year-old young lady with a 3-month-old child and are explaining to her what the Government can and cannot do for her after her husband's sacrifice. We all should pay tribute to the casualties of the *USS Stark*.

You heard earlier and you saw in the program the picture of some fortifications in the Tampa, FL, area. I expect you also a couple of years ago at your convention held in Jacksonville heard about the history of the Spanish American War preserved in the Tampa Bay area. Most of you know that the Rough Riders actually set out from Tampa. The defenses were set on Tampa Bay to protect them from the Spanish fleet which fortunately never came but Tampa was ready for them. So I urge you if you ever come to Tampa Bay area to see for yourself, as a lot of history has been preserved in that area. I have an album of photographs which I will present to Commander Mendel at this time. First I will read the letter of presentation for Commander Reverend Mendel: "On behalf of the staff and employees of St. Petersburg Regional Office I welcome the United Spanish War Veterans to Florida on their 89th National Encampment. I am pleased to present these photographs to the organization as a memento of this special occasion. The Tampa Bay area is rich in Spanish American War History and I hope these photos will serve to put emphasis on preserving Spanish American War history in our area. I hope you will visit our area in the future and visit these historic areas in person. Please accept my best wishes for a successful encampment." It is signed by me as director of the Veterans' Administration Regional Office.

So Commander Mendel I would like to present to your organization a memento of Spanish War history in the Tampa Bay area. Welcome to Florida and we hope that you have a successful encampment.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you very much. We have some distinguished visitors bringing greetings from the various organizations, and I would like to start with Col. John E. Harbert, U.S. Army, retired, Legion of Valor.

Col. HARBERT. Greetings to the 89th National Encampment of Spanish American War Veterans from the Legion of Valor of the United States of America.

In a moment I should like to tell you a little about the Legion of Valor as the senior war veteran organization of the United States, chartered by the U.S. Congress. We will be celebrating it's 100th anniversary in 1990 at historic Valley Forge, the site of our nation's first effort to survive.

In preparing a "message" for your historic 89th Encampment, I was elated to learn of the patriotic purpose of your national encampments, and that there are still three United Spanish War Veterans with us—the oldest patriot being 104 years of age. [at this point Colonel Harbart turned to his right, where the Commander-in-Chief of the 89th Encampment was seated, and rendered a hand salute. He then shook the hand of S. Leroy Mendel.]

To you, Spanish American War Veterans still living in 1987, and to your affiliated organizations, of sons and daughters, here today, carrying on the memory of military service in war that helped make America great during its challenge in the latter part of the 19th century. I also salute and congratulate you on behalf of the Legion of Valor of the United States. We are your sister senior war veteran organization. You, your affiliates and friends represent a link in the "legacy of valor" that is now more essential for America's survival, than any time in its history. Your particular link represents one of those from the soldiers of Valley Forge to those young men and women represented by today's "high tech" Armed Forces on guard around the world to prevent World War III. Our Armed Forces in 1987 require your support and prayers today more than ever before in our Nation's history.

I believe that it's important for the Nation in 1987 to know that today there are Spanish-American War Veterans still living among a generation of Americans now emerging with political power in our Government that were babies during or born after the destruction of Hiroshima by a single bomb.

Perhaps some of you, as sons and daughters of Spanish War Veterans, who fought in World War II know exactly why the necessity of terminating that war at Hiroshima. If the U.S. had not obtained the technology in 1945 for that bomb, before the Axis Powers obtained it, Hiroshima and Nagasaki could have been Los Angeles and New York City earlier in the war before VE Day. What an unpleasant, but a realistic possibility that actually existed in the 1942-43 time period of our history when we were arming ourselves during an all out war to conquer or be conquered. As a result of the time provided by the great Naval victory, and by the grace of God, at Midway in the summer of 1942, we as a nation were indeed extremely fortunate.

The more historians study survival of nations during the World Wars the more one learns the reality of truth from lessons yet to be learned from the history of this century. As of 1987 there is still

absolutely no defense capability within our current Armed Forces to defend against a ICBM nuclear attack capability, through space from over the North Pole, by the U.S.S.R. However, the United States has the technology and the potential for such a defense. Numerous attempts by President Reagan, about 30% of Congress, supported by our senior military have been made to fund and provide for such a defense. This situation is a matter of congressional record, but not explained or elaborated enough to the public in the media.

Today, as we all know from the daily news media, Cuba has Castro, Soviet weapons, Soviet advisors and a military base right offshore from our sunshine state of Florida, exporting to Central America propaganda, money, and weapons to create totalitarian governments to replace democracies.

What is the most effective action we can take, as individual citizens, to influence the Government of the United States to assure our national security (including economic) during this bicentennial year of the U.S. Constitution? We can start now by studying the basic issues during the next 14 months as presented by candidates for election to take public office for 1989, and then vote for the ones of our individual choice, including one to be the new President of the United States, who will also be the Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces. Perhaps in 1988 we will have more than the 38% of the registered voter turnout in 1984. In a democracy, as championed by the United States of America, its military don't make war—they defend, to prevent, or fight in war when ordered by constitutional authority. Soldiers, sailors, and airmen then take orders in a military chain of command and execute them in the tradition of the warriors of the past that made this Republic the greatest in all world history.

Now about the Legion of Honor of the United States that I represent to you during your 89th Encampment. We have about 638 living members representing all ranks and grades of all major elements of our Armed Forces that served in the last four wars. It was founded in 1890 as the Medal of Honor Legion by the U.S. Army Indian Frontier and Civil War Fighter survivors. Our membership is depleting due to the deaths of World War I and II combat veterans. There is no primary source for new members except survivors of the Korean and Vietnam Wars that qualify under its Constitution Chartered by Congress for men who have been awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor or one of the Armed Forces Distinguished Crosses of Valor, under exceptional circumstances in combat with a military enemy of the United States.

To illustrate the rare number of these awards, of which about one third were awarded posthumously to the next of kin, the Honorable James H. Webb, Jr., himself a highly decorated Marine Corps platoon and company commander during the Vietnam War, stated in his capacity as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs in an interview for the Journal of the National Association for Uniformed Services (March-April 1987), that of the 400,000 U.S. Marine Corps personnel that were sent to Vietnam, 409 received these two type awards, of which 173 were awarded posthumously. This represents a total of about 1/10th of 1% of those serving in the combat zone in Vietnam, and with 42% of this 1/10th of that

1% being awarded posthumously. This is about the same percentage of all wars for these awards. James Webb, as a member of the Legion of Valor, (because of his Navy Cross Award) represents a new generation warrior in a time most needed for our national security. He is now the current Secretary of Navy. The U.S Navy is our first line of defense and I know you all wish him well. He needs our prayers as well as our support.

The Florida members recently formed a Legion of Valor Chapter in nearby Kissimmee on May 17, 1987. The meeting was opened by a pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

A Warrior's Prayer—a prayer tribute for all of America's war dead, and handicapped survivors from Valley Forge through Vietnam was then offered. It was prepared and offered by a member for this occasion. It applies here today. It concludes as follows: "In the name of our sacred dead, who have permitted us to return home from battle in honor, we pray that our national leaders always seek peace with honor. We would rather die fighting on our feet in battle than on our knees to a foreign ideology or power. We pray that our Nation under the God we trust always remain true to the heritage of liberty passed to us through the mantle of our founding forefathers. In the name of His Son our Lord Jesus the Christ. Amen."

President Reagan has said it, as have other Presidents: "Men who have fought in war the most, and survived, hate war the most." The Legion of Valor of the USA has over the past 97 years had men among its members who not only fought and survived in one war but two or more as required of them, because the Nation called for duty and sacrifice. Thus the significance of the warrior's prayer for valor.

Here are some quotable quotes published on May 18, 1987 from an Orlando Sentinel newspaper article, by Katherine Long, as she on her own "captured" the theme of this Legion of Valor meeting. I quote:

> Honoring the U.S. dead warriors was a common theme for the 10 men who gathered to start Florida's first chapter of the Legion of Valor. Few men ever receive the Congressional Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Cross for heroism during war. But the veterans said the group's primary purpose is to remember those who were not decorated but died, or survived to suffer infirmities in battle, on land, sea or in the air.
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> There is historical value in knowing what happened in those years of service. It's important to shipmates, our families and our Nation.
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> Rear Admiral Norgaard.

[At this point Colonel Harbert introduced Rear Admiral R. N. Norgaard, USN (ret.), who was present, as a member of the Legion of Valor. He is 82 years of age. He was awarded a Navy Cross for saving his ship, the *USS Hyman*, a destroyer, in a running battle with 7 Japanese Kamakazi bomber planes—downing six. This was accomplished even though one lodged in the deck of the *USS Hyman* with a delayed action bomb that blasted some of his brave crew overboard. After clearing his deck, retrieving those of his crew from the sea, and burying his dead crewman in weighted mailbags to the bottom of the sea in traditional manner, he rallied his brave crew to bring the *USS Hyman* to home port under its own power.]

[Colonel Harbert then introduced another member of the Legion of Valor—former Sgt. Michael P. Perry, DSC (age 42) as the Commander of the New Florida Chapter of the Legion of Valor. Sgt. Perry is a combat veteran of Vietnam having served in the 101st Airborne Division's Strike Forces. Sgt. Perry represents less than one tenth of one percent of all combat troops who served in the Vietnam War that was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for extra ordinary heroism under enemy fire.]

Dedication to duty has a special urgent meaning for our modern "high-tech" Armed Forces today. Consisting of the best of our youth in 1987 they stand guard under drastic and ever-new, challenging conditions. This requires of them to develop and maintain a new type warrior spirit to prevent—not fight a war that cannot be won. If they fight and defend, as they must if the United States is attacked, let us pray for containment to prevent a nuclear weapon exchange war. As General MacArthur said on September 1, 1945 "it is the spirit if we are to save the flesh." Thus the "key" for the formation of dedicated warriors is highly technical Armed Forces unlike any such required in the past.

In concluding this greeting and message to the United Spanish War Veterans and their affiliates of sons and daughters here this week of September 14, 1987 in Orlando, Florida, I should like to quote President John F. Kennedy. It reflects what all of you represent with your 89th Encampment this week in Orlando. I quote him: "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it remembers." God bless and keep you, every one.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We thank you again. We also have Mrs. Harbert. Will she please stand.

[Mrs. Grace Harbert was recognized.]

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I would like to call upon at this time Paul Thompson of the Disabled American Veterans representing Past National Commander W. C. Ruffie.

Commander THOMPSON. Commander Mendel, National officers, members and guests at the 89th Encampment: I bring you greetings of the Disabled American Veterans. I would like to tell you that I met the current commander of the Catholic War Veterans yesterday in Baltimore and he had planned on being at this gathering but due to the Pope being in this country. He would have to attend a conference in San Francisco tomorrow, so he told me to bring best regards of the Catholic War Veterans to this organization.

I am the Florida commander of the Disabled American Veterans and I am representing our current commander Gene A. Murphy. Now I want to tell you on the 89th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans on behalf of the one million members of the Disabled American Veterans and its Auxiliary I extend greetings and the best wishes of my national commander Gene A. Murphy and Executive Director of our Washington, D.C. Headquarters, Charles E. Joeckel, Jr. The United Spanish War Veterans like the Disabled American Veterans are one. The nature and the guide for men and women as were united in Service and a commitment to a grand interest and worth for the celebrant nations that they represented. The teaching of the bible, unity and commitment will

bring them together here today. It is an awesome appreciable force, the unity of mind and the spirit of mission called commitment to each other. At the same hour the commitment of some will bring millions together. Once you learn the power of many men absolutely dedicated by prayers and philosophy, you can never turn your back on it. Once you have shared the greatness you never settle for anything less. When you want to help the disabled veterans by the Bible, you always think about the best way. The legacy of the Spanish American War Veterans, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam will work always to provide better veterans programs for future generations of veterans and their survivors. Knowing there is no turning back. You point to the broken chain but you can help the veterans or their survivors. A weary generation of veterans will not turn their backs on another generation of veterans or dependents or survivors. Too much is at stake. We have a medical system that stands as a monument to all levels of American veterans. If nothing else this is a time to use this. Thanks for the work of the Spanish American War Veterans. I am the benefactor of the same system of quality care today. Today veterans of the Vietnam War accept their duty. They must discharge it. We have the responsibility for the overseeing of this nations veteran survivors program. It is our duty to assume the leadership and care for those who follow here. Thanks today for the opportunity to be here and to visit here with you as you meet in your convention.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Mr. Ben Koscorowski, commander from New Port Ritchie, FL, Polish Legion of American Veterans, representing National Commander Frank Michor.

Commander KOSCOROWSKI. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Samuel Leroy Mendel, national officers, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen. Let me say thank you for your kind invitation. On behalf of our National Commander Frank Michor and of the Department of the Polish Legion of American Veterans and its ladies auxiliaries I bring you greetings and good wishes for a distinguished national encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans and the national conventions of the three affiliated organizations. May your deliberations be fruitful and successful in their endeavors. Let us not forget our veterans. As far back as I can remember I have read about it. Especially those who are hospitalized and let us remember and review the memory of our deceased members. Thank you.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you. We now have John E. Hamilton, State Commander of Florida, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander HAMILTON. Ladies and gentlemen, I too wish to thank you for the invitation to be here and to bring you greetings of the state of Florida V.F.W. I speak on behalf of the 72,000 members and 35,000 members of the Auxiliary. Mr. Humphrey is a great advocate for the veterans in this state and we appreciate him. I would like to say this. I am a civilian and we certainly will not yield those funds to Florida. We will still be on your side. We appreciate the very young which keep coming. I am a veteran of Vietnam and I just turned 37 years old. I and Paul Britt were reading about the Spanish American War, also World War I and Korea

. My grandfather was a retired Marine. I was on medical retirement when I was discharged for medical reasons from Vietnam. I listened to the colonel and some of those people who served for years and years. I am glad to be here today and I am fully aware of the benefits we enjoy today by being younger veterans. We appreciate it and recognize that fact and it gives us a point by being in the V.F.W. My comments are short. We thank you very much for having us and we hope you enjoy your stay in Florida and come back and see us real soon.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I would like to call upon Delbert D. Black, Past Regional President, Fleet Reserve Association.

Commander BLACK. Commander Mendel, National Officers, ladies and gentlemen. It is certainly a pleasure for me to welcome you to Orlando on behalf of our National President, William G. McCarley. He asked me to express to you his wishes and that of the 159,000 shipmates a very productive and successful encampment. We certainly appreciate the service you have had in your lifetime to keep this great nation of ours free and we wish you the best and success in the future. Thank you.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Now we have Mr. James Diamond, National Commander of the Army and Navy Union.

Commander DIAMOND. Good morning everyone. I bring you greetings from the Army and Navy Union. We are the oldest federally chartered union in the United States. I look around at the ladies of the 89th convention of the United Spanish War Veterans. I thank you for inviting me here. This is the first time I've been invited. It is the first time I have been National Commander and I appreciate it an awful lot. Thank you

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I understand we have Mr. Dan Rice, Management Analyst for the Veterans' Administration.

Adjutant General COPE. He just left.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Have we overlooked any one to bring greetings? At this time the response to the greetings will be given by Richard Evans, Jr. National President of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans.

President EVANS. Commander in Chief, Guests. I'm going to make my remarks very brief. We have had a lot of history this morning, but I would like to extend my appreciation as delegate to take the time off to bring greetings as we meet in this elegant city of Orlando. I remember the greetings from the organizations. Your veterans do come up in the world. They do try to perpetuate their ideas in our country in the places of business. They have made many sacrifices, great sacrifices. Then when they come home they have to get a job, that we may endure, all for the good of the country. I welcome you to our encampment. We are so glad you came and we thank you for sharing your greetings with us here in beautiful Orlando where there is so much to see. Thank you for coming.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you. We will now be favored with a vocal selection by Ernestine Moore, the National Auxiliary Assistant Soloist.

[A solo was sung by Ernestine Moore.]

The Memorial Service will now be conducted by Arthur T. Lou, Acting Chaplain in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to comment on the wonderful treatment that has been given to our Spanish War Veterans at the Bay Pines Medical Center. I certainly do think they give a wonderful treatment all the way through.

At this time we will have the roll of Honor by Beulah M. Cope, Adjutant General of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Adjutant General COPE. Since our last encampment we have lost three of our veterans. Ralph Waldo Taylor, Senior Vice Commander in Chief from New York on May 15, 1987; Jasper Garrison, Member at Large, National Chief of Staff, on June 4, 1987; Jesse A. Jackson, Indiana, June 2, 1987. May they rest in peace.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. At this time we will have the floral tributes.

[Silent salutes by the Commander in Chief and the heads of the affiliate groups. Flowers were placed by Acting Commander in Chief Shakespeare, acting for Commander in Chief Mendel, National Auxiliary President Raulerson, National President of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans, Richard Evans and National Fort Captain Elsie F. Barnaby. Ceremony was followed by Taps.]

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. We shall now have Memory Lane by Dorothea Kunz, National Auxiliary Chaplain of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Chaplain KUHN. As we go down Memory Lane we remember with fond memories the men and women who organized and made this organization. First we remember our veterans, the men who volunteered, and later became business men, attorneys, judges, doctors who administered to the physically ill, those who became priests, ministers and rabbis and administered to the sick at heart. This is our heritage. We remember the women whom these men married and who organized the Auxiliary. They stood beside the comrades, traveling with them on business and to National Conventions. Friendships were formed in the early years, and even today many of these have lasted through another generation, and many new ones formed.

The Daughters of '98 who not only have their own organization, but many have joined the Auxiliary and become fine workers for the Auxiliary, as well as for the Daughters.

We remember the sons of our veterans, many of whom fought in World War II. They have since been assisting the comrades as Acting officers so that the Organization may stay in existence until the last man has answered his roll call, in order to perpetuate the memory of the United Spanish War Veterans.

We cannot forget the nurses who gave up their beds on shipboard, while returning from the battlefields so that the men could rest more comfortably.

Today, we especially remember three women of the Auxiliary who this year have gone to their eternal homes. Gertrude Horning was elected National President in August 1986 and died January 24, 1987 while still in office. Gertrude had attended many National Conventions and had been a hard worker for our Auxiliary and Department, that of Connecticut. Hattie Trazenfeld of the Department of Pennsylvania, died April 1, 1987. She was a very efficient 'off the cuff' speaker. She served our organization as National President, and National Parliamentarian and as National Secretary for many years. She had been in poor health for some time. Frances Regley of the Department of California passed away on May 24, 1987, while serving as National Guard and after having served for many years as an active worker for her Auxiliary and Department.

We knew all these as colleagues, associates, and friends and appreciate the debt we owe them for the legacy of their work. Now they sleep in God's consecrated ground awaiting that great day when we will all be united in God's love. As we join in Prayer let us listen with reverence, listen with charity and loving remembrance of those we remember today.

Not dead but only promoted
They have entered the order above
And there 'neath the smile of the Master
They will finish their labors of love.

And when at last, we pass down this same "long trail" alone, may we do so with head erect, with eyes undimmed, with a greatness staunch and true, knowing that we have faced life undismayed, and can greet our Great Master unafraid.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. This will be followed by the Sons' tribute. James A. Daar represents the Chaplain of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans.

Acting Chaplain DAAR. Commander Mendel, distinguished officers of our affiliate organizations, members and guests. The Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans were organized to continue the work and efforts of our fathers on behalf of our nation and its people. When they left the service according to the sensus of 1900, we had an illiteracy rate in this nation of 98%. According to the last census that literacy rate has fallen to 72%. Think of that for a moment, of what we have lost since the Spanish American War. We can attribute that to this epidemic of journalists who sit down and do it. Who have influenced many into thinking that the individual alone is responsible. That there is no God. They are known by our weaknesses. They want to take God out of our Government and out of our classrooms. They've removed the ten commandments from the classrooms because they are religious. Now wouldn't it be awful. A child may see this on the wall and he may adhere to it. Wouldn't that be awful if just one child read the ten commandments every day and lived up to them. That would be a terrible thing. That would be a violation of every thing our fathers fought for. Every thing you gentlemen fought for so it mustn't happen. We must rededicate ourselves as Sons, as members of the Auxiliary, Daughters and as our commander has done all of his life, to live as a nation under God which the dissenters want elimi-

nated. We must fight and can only begin now. We have waited too long putting out our lamp We must remember the words of King David when he said "The nation that honors the Lord will be great and the people who observe the Lord's will and commandments will be prosperous." We have lost much of our prosperity because we have neglected to follow the words of the Bible and it is in this spirit that we remember our departed Sons. We are dedicated to these things just as our fathers were. I will call out the names of those of our Sons who departed this year:

Robert L. Bacon, Past National President, Camp #26, October 31, 1986
Howard Ramsey, Camp #153, December 26, 1986
A. Lee Harris, Member at Large. December 29, 1986
Walter O. Carroll, Past National President, March 18, 1987
Virgil B. Salisbury, Camp #5, May 14, 1987
Henry S. Strong, Camp #54, July 15, 1987
Robert Strong, Camp #5, August 22, 1987
Raymond Mitzenwei, Camp #25, August 14, 1985

We commend ourselves to be rededicated in the effort of our fathers on behalf of our nation and to having it ruled under God.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. We will now have the Holy Word, the Daughters Tribute by Barbara Connelly, National Chaplain, Daughters of '98.

Chaplain CONNELLY. I will read Psalm No. 8.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name, in all the earth! who has set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field.

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. I would like to introduce Dr. Ricardo R. Liway, a World War II veteran and a grand son of a Spanish American War Veteran who was born in the Philippines. He now resides in Altamont Springs, FL and is currently serving as pastor of the Philipino-American Seventh-Day Adventist Church, of Orlando, FL.

[Reverend Dr. Liway delivered a memorial address.]

We will now have a vocal selection by Leone K. Helding, National Auxiliary Soloist.

["My God and I" was sung by Leone K. Helding, National Auxiliary Soloist.]

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. At this time we will have greetings and announcements by Adjutant General Beulah M. Cope

Adjutant General COPE. We have a greeting from the White House from the President of the United States.

August 31, 1987

It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to the members of the United Spanish War Veterans as you gather in Orlando for your 89th National Encampment.

Perhaps General Douglas MacArthur said it best, in his farewell address to the cadets of West Point, he reminded us that the military man, "above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training—sacrifice, . . . he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." Whether you served on land or at sea, in Cuba, Puerto Rico, or the faraway Philippines, you gave true meaning to those words, proving that "duty, honor, and country" are not merely patriotic expressions, but ideals to live by. Though many years have passed, America gratefully remembers your sacrifice.

You have my warm wishes always. God bless you, and God bless America.

RONALD REAGAN

We also have a greeting from Thomas K. Turnage, Administrator.

As you meet for your 89th National Encampment, I join with you in honoring those who answered their Nation's call in years now long ago. It is fitting and appropriate to recall for today's citizens the contributions that have been made in the past on their behalf. Those who served during the Spanish-American War deserve our gratitude and history's recognition for their courage and sacrifice. These veterans, and those who have fought in wars since, have made this great nation possible.

On behalf of all the Nation's veterans, I salute the United Spanish War Veterans on this occasion. While your number is few, the memory remains. You have the gratitude of all your fellow citizens.

THOMAS K. TURNAGE
Administrator

We have a greeting from the American Legion to the United Spanish War Veterans.

On behalf of the nearly 3 million men and women of the American Legion, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all of you at the United Spanish War Veterans' 89th National Encampment.

I regret that I am unable to join you in Orlando today. As the newly elected National Commander of the American Legion I must attend briefings in Indianapolis on the many responsibilities that lie ahead for me.

As you gather today to pay tribute to those who gave their lives for a better America, we also celebrate the bicentennial of this great nation's constitution. Through the efforts of America's veterans we have preserved what our forefathers began—that is freedom for all of us.

We of the American Legion commend you for your dedication and devotion—a common bond we veterans share. Be assured that the deep affection and comradeship felt by your fellow veterans of the American Legion accompany this message.

Best wishes for an enjoyable 89th National Encampment.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN P. "JAKE" COMER
National Commander

I have this from the National Commander of the AMVETS.

I would like to take the occasion of your 89th National Encampment to express my warmest greetings to your organization on behalf of the 200,000 members of the AMVETS around the nation. We are well aware and appreciate the patriotic service and sacrifices of our veterans from the Spanish War, and of your dedication through the years since to remind America of that service and those sacrifices. I regret that I am unable to be with you for your Encampment, but please accept my best wishes for its success and my assurance of future cooperation with your most worthy efforts.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. KING
National Commander

We have a Special Citation from the Catholic War Veterans which reads:

United Spanish War Veterans: On the occasion of your 89th National Encampment you are hereby saluted by the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, for the outstanding service rendered to our country, for assistance to our hospitalized brethren, and for fighting for what is morally right in the community and the nation.

PAUL P. ZAWICKI
National Commander

We also have a greeting from the Utica Citizens Corps of Utica, N.Y.

It is my pleasure to extend the greetings of the Utica Citizens Corps to the 89th National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans.

Our Commandant, Walter S. Cookenham, Jr., is a son of a Spanish War Veteran and during the conflict our organization was then known as Co. E, of the 1st N.Y. Volunteer Infantry.

It is hoped that the comrades that will be with you will make new friends and renew old ones.

Enclosed you shall find a check for ten dollars for your organization and please accept it in memory of members who died during the Spanish-American War.

God bless you in your most noble cause

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

JEROME L. ORTON, *Historian*

And last but not least we have a letter from the Commissioner of Veterans Service of Georgia:

Thank you for your letter of August 4, 1987 extending to me an invitation to attend your 89th National Encampment on September 11-16, 1987 in Orlando, Florida.

I appreciate the invitation and wish it were possible for me to be with you and our other friends on this occasion. However, due to a commitment here it will be impossible for me to attend. We wish for you and everyone a most successful and enjoyable convention. Call on us if we can ever be of any service to you or any member of your great organization.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

PETE WHEELER, *Commissioner*

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you Adjutant General Cope. Is our General Chairman Elaine Keiser back there? Will you please stand. I would just like to mention that the flowers used this morning were donated by Elaine Keiser in memory of her late husband, Past National President of the Sons, George Keiser, who chaired a number of our national conventions.

Provost Marshal, retire the colors.

[The colors were retired.]

The benediction will now be given by Dorothea Kuhn, the National Auxiliary Chaplain.

Chaplain KUHN.

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord Maketh his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you
May God grant you his peace
In your going out and in your coming in
In your lying down and in your raising up
In your labor and in your leisure
In your laughter and in your tears
Until you come to stand before Jesus
In that day in which there is no sunset and no dawning.
Amen.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We will close by singing "God Bless America," led by Leone K. Helding, National Auxiliary Soloist. ["God Bless America" was sung. The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.]

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Monday, September 14, 1987

The second business session was called to order at 2:20 p.m. with the Acting Commander in Chief Robert E. Shakespeare presiding.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We will repeat "Americanism." ["Americanism" was repeated in unison.]

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Acting Chaplain in Chief will you give a prayer.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. Almighty Father. Once more we assemble ourselves before Thee. We pray Thy blessing upon our great organization. May this meeting be conducted in accordance with Thy will. We ask in Thy name. Amen.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Does the Resolutions Committee have a report?

Chairman STRETZ. I have a resolution in support of the English language.

Board Member KEISER. The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary is waiting.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Please present the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary.

Board Member KEISER. I have the honor to present Catherine B. Raulerson, National President of the Auxiliary and Ruth L. Lawrence, National Historian.

President RAULERSON. I bring you greetings from the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, and I'm hoping you will have a nice meeting. Here is a token for our Commander Mendel.

Historian LAWRENCE. I have a lot that I can say. We are so proud of you, and so proud that you can be here. We wish for you the very best. You know our prayers are with you. I also have a gift for you. [The Greetings Committee then retired.]

Board Member KEISER. The Sons would like to present their greetings.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Ask the Sons Committee to come in.

[Richard Evans, National President and the entire delegation were presented. They were Edmund Ryan, William Backus, Charles A. Bond, Charles Solomon, George Owens, Jack Dempsey, Thomas Bassett, James Daar, Ronald Pratt and William B. Johnson.]

Brother RYAN. Commander Mendel we have the honor to have the whole delegation of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans to bring their greetings. Here is our National President Nick Evans.

Commander in Chief MENDEL. Well it is nice to see you all.

Brother RYAN. I'm Ed Ryan, remember the name. Glad to see you. Hope I'll see you again.

President EVANS. We'll see you again. Now here is Past National President Bill Backus. You can remember that name and here is Jack Dempsey from California.

Commander in Chief MENDEL. It is always a pleasure to see you President Evans. This is Harold Gangloff from the District of Columbia. Brother Gangloff, nice to see you comrade.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. You all came in a body. That was a fine honor. [The Sons Committee retired.]

Chairman STRETZ. We are taking up a resolution to have the English language as the official language of the United States of America. They want to have an amendment to the Constitution to provide for that. We are bringing up that resolution now.

Whereas, the people of the United States have brought to this nation the cultural heritage of many nations, and

Whereas, the United States has been greatly enriched by such cultural diversity, and

Whereas, the people of the United States, despite their many differences have lived together harmoniously and productively as citizens of one nation, and

Whereas, the traditional language of the United States has always been English, and

Whereas, the English language has been our strongest common bond and has contributed substantially to our societal cohesiveness, and

Whereas, English is our language by custom only, and enjoys no special legal protection, and

Whereas, other languages have been promoted as alternatives and have gained a measure of government acceptance through bilingual education and bilingual ballots, and

Whereas, the erosion of English and the increased official usage of other languages is a divisive force within our nation.

Therefore, Be it resolved, that the National Organization, Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans go on record as endorsing without exception President Theodore Roosevelt's statement opposing official multi-lingualism for the United States of America when he declared, "We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns out people as Americans, of American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding house." and

Be it further resolved that the Congress of the United States of America be called upon to enact without delay an amendment to the Constitution declaring the English language to be the only official language for any and all governmental purposes of this nation, its possessions and territories; and,

Be it further resolved, the several states composing these United States of America be called upon to enact laws for their state to fort with:

1. Limit bilingual education in short-term transitional programs only.
2. An immediate return to voting ballots in English only.

Be it further resolved, a copy of this resolution duly signed be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governors of the fifty States, the media in general and the "Stars and Stripes" in particular; and

Be it further resolved, all members of the Sons Organization, and organizations affiliated with the United Spanish War Veterans be encouraged to individually contact their federal and state representatives calling upon them to lend their support to establishing the English language as our only official language.

Submitted by:

JAMES A. DAAR, PNP
ARTHUR T. LOU, PNP
EDMUND R. RYAN, PNP
RONALD C. PRATT, PNP

Chairman STRETZ. Now that is the resolution. The Resolution Committee recommends that it be granted.

Commander in Chief MENDEL. When you get through I'm going to say some things.

Chairman STRETZ. You heard the reading of the resolution and the recommendation from the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee that we adopt this resolution. What is your pleasure?

Adjutant General COPE. Who seconded that?

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We haven't gotten that far. This was passed by the Sons organization. What is the pleasure of the Council.

Board Member LOU. Brother Acting Commander in Chief Shakespeare. I move we adopt this resolution.

Board Member KEISER. I second it.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. It has been moved by Arthur Lou and seconded by Elaine Keiser that we adopt this resolution as read. Does anyone have a comment on this before we vote on it?

Commander in Chief MENDEL. I want to add something to it. It has something to do with this but I can mention it later on.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. You want to comment on this before we vote on it.

Commander in Chief MENDEL. Well I do think it is proper. I want to add something. It has nothing to do with this. I can mention it later on. This is my opinion. I always called Teddy Roosevelt our second George Washington. Other people don't feel like that. George Washington said we must not become entangled with foreign nations and we have all the time. George Washington said there is no good reason for tangling with foreign nations, and the second thing he said was we must build a strong navy. He was more interested in what the foreign countries might send to us than in what we might send to them. He said you must be careful about foreign languages. That is all hypocrisy and that is the reason we must be watchful.

When I was made a Kentucky Colonel I took that and I wrote to Governor Brown and I thanked him because he was interested in what I had been doing with children.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you. Is there any further discussion. Hearing none, are you ready for the question. All those in favor please signify by the usual sign. Are there any opposed. It is passed and so ordered.

The next is the final report on credentials filed.

Adjutant General COPE. There are no additional ones. That leaves 8.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. And now we open the nominations for officers again. Yesterday it was Robert Shakespeare, Acting Commander in Chief, Lawrence B. Stretz, Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Arthur T. Lou, Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations, are there any further nominations.

Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. The chair will entertain a motion to elect them by acclamation.

Board Member KEISER. They were elected yesterday. Who made the motion?

Adjutant General COPE. They were done individually.

Board Member KEISER. I move that the candidates be elected unanimously.

Delegate FISCHER. I second the motion.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. It has been moved by Elaine Keiser and seconded by Evelyn Fischer that the slate be elected unanimously. All in favor signal by the usual sign. Hearing all in favor. the motion is carried and is so ordered.

Is there any unfinished business before we come to working on conventions?

Adjutant General COPE. I have some correspondence to read. I do have one official complaint and I did write. We had a complaint on an article that appeared on the United Spanish War Veterans page in the Stars and Stripes from a Jewish rabbi in Philadelphia. It was a complaint about an article written about our D.C. convention. He called the Stars and Stripes because he didn't like the way the memorial service was written up. They referred him to national headquarters. The article was in the July 14 issue of the Stars and Stripes. I have written to him and have not heard from him since. His letter says:

Dear Officers and Members USWV:

Pursuant to my pleasant telephone conversation with your office this date, and as promised I would write to your good offices, to put my complaint and suggestions in writing, and hope that all conditions equal will change accordingly.

Enclosed is a article from the Stars and Stripes publication regarding your recent convention, and although I find it interesting, I find one particular item rather somewhat offensive and I would appreciate this matter could be adjusted accordingly. The matter concerns the item covering your memorial service, and which it states. . . ."During the memorial services, the chaplain put on the altar a 'Cross', and etc." I as a retired U.S. Army Jewish chaplain herewith am making the following official complaint, of the fact, that as an American Veteran organization, or any other veteran meeting, (unless it is a specific religious order), that at any meeting or memorial services, if it must, then put up both a 'Cross' and 'Star of David'. . . for this must be of interfaith in nature always . . . for as a matter of fact, no religious symbol should be on the altar, to denote true interfaith. The same should be true when offering a prayer for Invocation, Benediction, Memorial Service or etc. this prayer also must be of a interfaith nature.

I would deeply appreciate a early reply from your fine group, to cover this unintential error, and that in the future, this will not happen again. Kindly send your reply to my residence at 1817 Tustin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19152, and thank you for listening, and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

RABBI DR. OSCAR KRAMER
LHD Past National and Past Department of Pennsylvania
Chaplain, VFW Past Department of Pennsylvania
Chaplain, American Legion
DAV Staff Member, Chapel of Four Chaplains, Philadelphia, PA
Retired U. S. Army, Jewish Chaplain

Board Member KEISER. The Daughters Greeting Committee is here. Do you want to let them in?

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. The Daughters are coming to see you Commander Mendel.

National Fort Captain BARNABY. We are bringing greetings from the Daughters. My committee is Elaine Keiser, and Elsie Alward, but she is not here so Elaine was the only one to come here to the comrades; she and I are the delegation.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. On behalf of the Commander in Chief Mendel we certainly welcome you and appreciate your visit.

National Fort Captain BARNABY. I bring you greetings from the Daughters and also this little gift from the Daughters. Are you feeling better?

Commander in Chief MENDEL. I'm feeling perfect.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Regarding that letter from the rabbi. I do believe the Adjutant General handled it very tactfully. That's all over isn't it?

Adjutant General COPE. I hope so. I haven't heard any more. I did take it up with several people. He was right and his complaint was justified under the circumstances.

We also have a letter from the Jewish War Veterans. USA National Memorial which I will read.

Our organizations have much in common. Many of our founders and first members served in the Spanish American War. Our mission and purpose is to preserve for future generations the patriotic contributions of those of the Jewish Faith who served during and between times of war in the Armed Forces of the United States and as veterans thereof. As the National repository for the objects, memorabilia, documents, etc., we look to fellow veteran organizations to help us build our collections in the museum and library. I am looking for donations to our museum of uniforms, medals, photographs, documents from either the Jewish veterans of the Spanish American War, or their families. All donations are tax deductible.

Would you please let your membership know about us, and have them contact me directly. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

MARK DREYFUSS
Museum Director/Curator.

I don't believe this needs any action by the organization.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We will now go back to a consideration of convention sites. What else do we have?

Adjutant General COPE. Well I have this letter from the Department of Ohio. It was read last year but because the invitation was for 1988 it was tabled for consideration this year. This is how it reads.

The Department of Ohio at this time extends an invitation to host the National Convention, United Spanish War Veterans in Cleveland, Ohio in the year 1988. This will be the year Mildred Backus will be National Fort Captain.

In F. P. & H.,

MARION GROSS

Now this said Cleveland but when I raised the question about having been in Cleveland in 1985, they came back and told me that we could have a choice of Columbus, Akron or Cleveland. That they were not too set that we go to Cleveland. So then this spring when I had heard nothing further from the Ohio people I wrote to Bill Backus and reminded him that we had heard nothing from Ohio. So that is when this package came from the Cleveland Con-

vention and Visitor's Bureau. It does not give any specific information on any hotels do that doesn't help us much. The descriptive material about the hotels we have since they are the same three hotels we considered before. Now Columbus is like a number of other cities and they have been rebuilding the center city. They have some new hotels and a big new convention Center but I think they are pretty expensive. I have not been in Akron for years so I have no idea what's there.

Now I had a couple of things from Tennessee but I think they are too expensive. Then too although the National President would like to have her convention in Tennessee the local people are not anxious to have another convention. My information is for hotels in Knoxville but they have not had an Auxiliary there for many years so it would be hard to get anyone to do the local work. No, we do have Louisville but there is a transportation problem. There are no direct air flights from the more distant places, so most of our people would have to transfer and they don't like that. Then of course we have Des Moines which you do have the information on.

Delegate FISCHER. They will give us dates earlier in August.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. This has been a hot summer in Iowa, Illinois and Michigan but it may not be that way another year.

Delegate FISCHER. The hotel is air conditioned.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. The latest dates in August would be August 26 to September 1. That would conflict with Arthur Lou's other meeting. Isn't that correct.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. Yes. That would conflict.

Delegate FISCHER. That would be more expensive. That would be $56 plus 4% and 7% or a total of 11%. They will give us earlier dates in August.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. What would the dates be that we could have?

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Arthur when is your convention?

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. The third or fourth week in August. It could be August 21–24 or it might be the 28th to 31st.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Then our dates would have to be before the 21st of August. I'm going to ask Larry to take over. I want to ask Marion if she has anything concrete that she can give us.

Alternate FISCHER. This is the toll free number to call the Fort Des Moines. I would be willing to call but I have trouble hearing. There are problems with my hearing aid on long distance calls.

Acting Commander STRETZ. Do you want to mark down any questions that we might have for the Des Moines hotel? Beulah will you read all the requests we have on any hotels so we can sort them out.

Adjutant General COPE. I didn't bring down the ones I thought we didn't want. They said they didn't want to go to Colorado. The national Sales Manager of the Hyatt Regency chain told me the only hotel with a low enough price was the one in Denver so I

didn't contact the hotel in Knoxville which was also a Hyatt Regency. What it boils down to is the Fort Des Moines and the Galt House in Louisville.

Acting Commander STRETZ. The Galt House is $58 single or double so the rate for one person would be $58 or half of $58 for two people. Room tax is 4% and sales tax 5% or another 9%. The rate for the Fort Des Moines is $52 for one, two, three or 4 people plus 11% tax. Thus the room rate including tax would be $63.22 for the Galt House and $57.72 for the Fort Des Moines.

Now are there any questions you want to ask the Fort Des Moines.

Board Member KEISER. The Fort Des Moines was contacted last year from Bangor. Afterward I called her back and said we didn't choose you this year but we may call again next year. She is expecting us to call and she thinks we are going to come there next year.

Delegate FISCHER. I have an appointment at the Federal Building in Des Moines Tuesday and I told her I would drop by.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Marion Gross will not be able to come in now but she will come in Wednesday morning. Bill Backus has had another seizure and they are trying to get him to the hospital.

Acting Vice Commander STRETZ. We got to the point where we were trying to find what questions we want answered. Then Evelyn wants someone to call the hotel for her.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I will call the hotel. Now what do we want to know. We want to know about courtesy transportation from the airport, we'll want to know if the ladies can bring cookies, and we want to know just what dates are available for the $52 rate.

[Acting Commander in Chief left to make the phone call.]

Acting Vice Commander STRETZ. Do we have anything else to come up?

Adjutant General COPE. Well not really.

Charles BOND. Should the Chief be installed?

Adjutant General COPE. I don't think so since he is continuing in the same office.

[Acting Commander in Chief Shakespeare returned at this time.]

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I reached Karen Hisler at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. They have complimentary transportation to and from the airport at all times. Amtrack—the nearest station is Osceola.

Delegate FISCHER. I met Marie Cruise at Indianola in 1968. It is just south of Des Moines about 30 miles.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. She said Osceola. Now she said the dates available in August are 12–17th, 19–24th. If it is warm the rooms are air conditioned. Not considering after Labor Day. They have big doings in Iowa after Labor Day and they would not have us. They have handicapped facilities through out the hotel. Cookies. Absolutely the ladies can bring their own cookies. They can provide the punch. No charge for any of the meeting

rooms for small rooms for groups. One complimentary room for 50 booked, suites consist of parlor and one bedroom with two double beds. One bedroom is $52 for one person or 4 people plus 4% state sales tax and a 7% city hotel-motel tax which makes a total of $5.72 and no reduction if they don't put the chocolate mint on the pillow. I wanted to he sure of the lowest rate.

Arthur when will you know the dates of your convention.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. You have to consider the majority of the organization first. The organization comes first and their pocketbooks. That's the way I look at it. I'm secondary.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. You are up for national office aren't you?

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. Yes I am but I'm not sure I should take it. I may be to old.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. You said you think it will be the 21-24th didn't you? Well then the 26th to the 31st would be OK?

I believe that is all we can do now I will call a recess until Wednesday morning at 9:30 A.M.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, September 16, 1987

The third session of the 89th national encampment convened in Room 131, of the International Inn in Orlando, Florida at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, September 16, Acting Commander in Chief Robert F. Shakespeare presiding.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. The third session of the 89th encampment will come to order. At this time Acting Chaplain in Chief Lou will give the opening prayer.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we are grateful to Thee for a new day, with its blessings, its privileges. We thank Thee for the sleep and the rest of the past night, and for the health, the happiness, the joy that is ours as we enter upon our labors again today.

May we be guided in wisdom of Thee for all that we undertake. We pray Thy blessing upon our country, upon all who are in control of its interests and affairs. Guide us and keep us. Bless our homes and our loved ones.

We ask it all in Thy great name. Amen.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We will now recite "Americanism." In unison:

AMERICANISM

"Americanism is an unfailing love of Country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. The very first thing I wish to certainly thank on behalf of the organization, United Spanish War Veterans, Elaine Keiser for her magnificent work as convention chairman, especially these beautiful flowers which she gave in memory of George. Words fail to express our appreciation. [Applause.]

. You were inquiring about Joseph Arnold Lapan. I've been trying to reach him since we got here because he and Margaret had worked for several years on the possible transition and was wondering if he would still show up on Saturday or Sunday. Yesterday early afternoon I did reach him and he said he had been quite laid up with extreme bursitis.

It is a little better now but he has other problems which just wouldn't make it wise for him to come to the convention. He said, "I just can't do much any more." "Did you receive the information Beulah sent you and the proposed amendments." He said, "Yes, I did." He made a comment that he thought maybe that was California's idea. He said, "You know I don't have any love for what they do in California." I said they had nothing to do with it. I said this was a suggestion from the Director of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC on how we could continue to operate for several years or whatever in case the last comrade passed away which could happen at any time. What do you think of that. He said, "Well I think that's a good idea there for several years provided that there are past commanders somehow." I said, "will you put it in writing and send it to Beulah. Action has to be taken right away. Time is of the essence." Well, I'm not sure he said he would. He said, "You know, I'm not much of a letter writer. You know I used to have someone else to write my letters. You know who I mean." I said, "well try to do that." He said, "OK, Bob. Thank you for calling." I believe that is just about the entire conversation.

We were interested in his comments because he had done a lot of the leg work in what had gone before for a number of years back and we wanted his reaction to these proposed amendments. I wanted very much to draw out a definite yes or no. I almost got a yes but he just said I think that maybe it is a good idea.

VOICE. I wonder if I could have the Commander's home address.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Yes. 114 South 9th Street, Galva, IL. I'm not sure of the zip code . I think it is 61434. Do we have a report from the Resolutions Committee?

Chairman STRETZ. No, not now.

Board Member KEISER. He is waiting for me to get the names from Helen Murphy.

Chairman STRETZ. I will make the resolution and mail it back if I don't get the information this morning.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Does anyone have any bills to submit?

[There were none.]

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We are deeply indebted to Elaine as convention chairman. The expense for the beautiful wreath, the expense of these flowers.

Arthur what was your late father's name since you are donating your services in the name of your father.

Acting Chaplain in Chief LOU. His name was Hee Lou. He served in the Navy on the *USS Boston.*

On behalf of myself and Flora I wish to thank Elaine Keiser for what she has done to help with my work as chaplain and all she did at the Greenwood Cemetery. Also the Auxiliary for their attendence there and the three wonderful local ladies who I hadn't seen around and they hadn't seen me either but she remembered me aboard the Olympia forty years ago. She had a show on the Olympia and she was very happy to see me. I just hope that other cemetery's where they have memorials will follow suit. I think it is very

fitting that local people should be honored by our group. We need to honor these people and memorials at other convention sites.

Board Member KEISER. There were 66 people at the service in Greenwood Cemetery everyone got off the bus. Louise Mattenlee and the Ryans had driven over. I counted them.

Adjutant General COPE. I have the report of the Publicity Chairman which I would like to read. [Printed in "Officers Reports".]

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. The Department of Ohio has a tax free number. Their information was secured from Mr. Jim King, Columbus Convention Bureau.

The first hotel is the Great Southern located across from the State House on High St. rates are $64 to $74, single and double.

Ramada, North off 161 and 71 near the French continental and the Fairgrounds rates $45.50 single and $52.57 double. They have free parking.

Columbus Plaza (Sheraton) is located downtown. $45 single $55 double. No free parking. Coffee shop and restaurants open all day. They have four meeting rooms and can accommodate our large meal functions.

There is an interesting bottom line: "Ohio Department has $500.00 for National." For those who have just come in we have been talking about the hotels in Columbus, Ohio. I don't know if you were here Walter but we have gotten information from the Hotel Fort Des Moines. It has been entirely renovated and beautified. Their rates are $52 for one person, two people, three people or 4 people plus 4% state sales tax and 7% city motel and hotel tax or a total for one room of $57.72 whether one or four people. The dates given for Des Moines are August 26 to September 1. That will be close but Arthur can make it. They also gave us August 12 to 17 and August 19 to 24th. After Labor Day the rates will go up. They have some big doings then. There is no charge for meeting rooms, no charge for reception rooms and no charge for banquet rooms and you can bring your own cookies for the receptions. There is no Amtrack. It is 100 miles away. Courtesy transportation to and from the airport. They have handicapped facilities. There will be a complimentary suite for every 50 rooms used. The suite consists of a parlor and a room with 2 double beds.

Board Member KEISER. When I talked to them they did not have the 1, 2 and 3. They just gave me a price of $48 for the room.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. You know we can select a hotel and convention dates today and announce it this evening or we can delay and then Beulah can send out ballots by mail. That puts Beulah to a lot of work.

Board Member KEISER. I suggest we do it now.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Evelyn Fischer is in the Auxiliary to see her daughter installed as Senior Vice President. She didn't see how she could avoid being there. Anne Garber is there too as she has to play the piano for the installation.

Acting Junior Vice Commander STRETZ. I move that we accept the Fort Des Moines offer for August 26 to September 1, 1988.

Board Member KEISER. I'll second the motion.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. It has been moved and seconded that we have the 1988 convention at the Fort Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, August 26 to September 1. Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by the usual sign. Are there any opposed?

[Vote taken and carried unanimously.]

The motion is carried and it is so ordered.

Should we now take up the proposed Budget

Adjutant General COPE. I have copies for everyone.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We'll go ahead with the budget. This shows the 1986–87 budget, the amounts expended and the proposed budget for 1987–88.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. As a suggestion why don't we just take up those items where there is a change.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. OK.

Auditing Fee—$170. No change.
Taxes Social Security—$265. No change.
Taxes Unemployment Compensation—$100. No change.
Taxes, D.C. Personal Property—$30. No change
Encampment Expenses-General—$500. No change. Any comment?
Encampment Expenses-Veterans—$550. No change.

Adjutant General COPE. The veterans expenses are way over the budget this year but that is because of the two round trip air fares to this convention. The bill for programs is also higher this time. Next year we won't have to travel so far.

Board Member KEISER. Why not move $50 over to General Encampment Expense.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Equipment Maintenance—$120. Increase $20.

Miscellaneous—$200. No change.

Office supplies—$75. Decrease $25.

Adjutant General's Expenses—$100. No change.

Postage and shipping—$175. Decrease $25.

Printing and stationery—$150. No change.

Telephone—$325. No change.

Sale supplies—$50. No change.

Fidelity Bond—$100. No change.

We can approve the budget.

Board Member KEISER. I move that we accept it.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief. I second the motion.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. It has been moved and seconded that we accept the proposed budget.

[Vote taken and carried unanimously.]

The motion is carried and it is so ordered

The Sons want us to come and vote which entails just a couple of minutes, so I declare a 4 minute recess.

Board Member KEISER. Then I'll go to the office and get the names for the Courtesy Resolution.

Delegate FISCHER. On behalf of the Auxiliary to the Navy and Marine Veterans I would like to present our usual gift of $10.00.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you very much. We have had the financial report. Is there anything else we

need to discuss on the finances? All right I think that takes care of it. The next order. Elaine did you get a chance to go over those amendments.

Enactment Chairman KEISER. I went over them this morning. Do you all have your copies? Anne do you have yours?

Board Member GARBER. I don't know. I don't think I got it.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I doubt that Walter is coming back. He is in the other meeting and he is pretty tired. The next convention was announced in the Auxiliary and the Sons and they all seemed OK.

Well let's proceed with this because this is important to us.

Enactment Chairman KEISER. No. 1., "That the formal annual national encampment of the U.S.W.V., no longer be required."

I want to point out that required is the definitive word here. It won't be required but it can be continued until we want it stopped. We won't have to have a national encampment every year. It will no longer be required.

Enactment No. 2.

"Subsequent to this date, nine Aides, to be designated as 'Board Members,' shall be appointed or elected from the membership of the existing organizations of the United Spanish War Veterans (including members of the Auxiliary, U.S.W.V., Sons of Spanish American War Veterans and Daughters of '98) who shall be charged with promulgating the business and tradition of the United Spanish War Veterans and said Aides as Board Members will hereafter be charged with carrying forth the intent of PL 76-473. At least one Aide from each of the aforementioned groups shall hold membership on this nine member board."

I have wondered if there is a chairman of the board of Aides and how and when he is appointed. Or is he elected after the National Commander is no longer able to appoint him. I know now the 9 board members are appointed.

Adjutant General COPE. The original Aides were appointed. The replacements have been elected.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. They were appointed for life.

Chairman KEISER. Then all subsequent members will be elected. If there is a chairman of the board he will be elected by the members of the board. Then the members of the Executive Board will be members of the existing organization including the Sons, Daughters and Auxiliary. But they said in the past that they had to be lineal descendants.

Adjutant General COPE. I have never been able to find anything that says that. I have written to Arnold Lapan for proof but he can't come up with anything. Most of his papers have been destroyed so I am not sure where it came from but the eligibility for membership does not require them to be lineal descendants.

Chairman KEISER. It says here that at least one member should be from each group. Well it could be that we would have one member from the Sons, one from the Daughters and all the rest would be Auxiliary.

Adjutant General COPE. Yes. That could happen. There is an earlier enactment which sets up the procedure for filling vacancies by asking the specific group to submit a list of names, and if they don't, then other groups can submit names.

Chairman KEISER. Enactment No. 3.

"With respect to the provisions of the Aides, constituting this nine member board, of Enactment No. 2, appointed or elected, shall have a voice and vote in the transaction of the future business of the United Spanish War Veterans and shall establish a schedule of meetings for the purpose of transacting the business o.r the U.S.W.V., on the basis of at least one meeting per year."

Now for the time being, we can have our meetings at conventions.

Enactment No. 4.

"In order to provide for the orderly disposition of any real property, funds, archives, memorabilia, etc., it is the will of this Encampment that the ownership of the aforementioned shall be vested with and under the jurisdiction of the nine member board for their safe keeping and/or subsequent disposition at their discretion. This action shall be binding following this 1987 Encampment."

I think maybe we should let things as they are.

Adjutant General COPE. There will not much for a museum. There will be a little furniture to dispose of. It is so old that it is pretty well depreciated. Some of it could be disposed of because we are no longer using it. The desks, chairs and some of the file cases belong to the Veterans' Administration. Because of being moved in the building several times some things have been broken. So we may have to pay someone to haul them away.

Chairman KEISER. Do we need a motion to accept the enactments?

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Then the only changes would be the word "appointed" be deleted from Enactment No. 2 and Enactment No. 3.

Now is there any further discussion? Anything else to be brought up in that connection. There being no further discussion the chair will entertain a motion regarding amending Section 222 of Article 1 under the Rules and Regulations by the enactments as submitted at this 89th National Encampment.

Chairman KEISER. I move that we adopt the enactments as proposed at this convention.

Acting Junior Vice Commander STRETZ. I second that motion.

Board Member LOU. I would suggest that the Adjutant General petition such places as the National Archives, The Library of Congress, The Smithsonian etc., to see if they would be interested in any of our things.

Adjutant General COPE. You may remember the convention voted many years ago to give the National Colors to the Smithsonian. I talked to them many years ago and they said then that they would take them.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. In any case we are provided for. It says the nine member board is responsible for safe

keeping and subsequent disposition. We are taken care of as far as the equipment. Could we go ahead and vote on the enactments. There being no further discussion on this are you ready for the question.

All those in favor signify by the usual sign. Are there any opposed. [Vote take and carried unanimously.]

The motion is carried and so ordered.

And the Congress of the United States shall be officially notified and requested to include the intent of the aforementioned action as amendatory legislation directly associated with P.L. 76–473.

Adjutant General COPE. We may want to add some more amendments like what are we going to do as to procedure for members who do not show at meetings.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. My thought would be that, we can bring this up at the next convention to establish a policy if a person doesn't show and doesn't send a letter of intent or a reason. We might want to word that quite tactfully.

Resolutions Chairman STRETZ. I have the Courtesy Resolution ready now. This is what I have.

COURTESY RESOLUTION

Whereas, The United Spanish War Veterans and their affiliated organizations have been graciously received and entertained with true friendship and comradeship by the city of Orlando, Florida, we wish to think and commend the convention committee headed by Elaine Keiser, General Chairman, Acting National Historian, U.S.W.V.; and Beulah Cope, Adjutant General, U.S.W.V. for her work in preparing for the Encampment, before, during and after the convention; and Elizabeth C. Cahill, Convention Chairman, Helen C. Fitch, Convention Co-Chairman, Lisa Burdett Convention City Chairman for the National Auxiliary and PNP Lawrence B. Stretz, Convention Chairman for the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans; PNP Marie C. Cruise and PNP Gertrude F. Bond, Convention Co-Chairmen, Daughters of '98; PNP William Backus, Dinner Chairman. M.O.R.; Kathleen A. Robbins, Chairman, M.O.L.; PNP Charles A. Bond, Bus Tour Chairman; PNFC Selma Strong, Publicity Chairman, U.S.W.V.; and

Whereas, we also wish to thank PNP Robert Shakespeare, Acting Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V. for conducting the Joint Session; PNP Arthur T. Lou, Acting Chaplain in Chief for conducting the Memorial Service; and Anne N. Garber and Edith Clisbee for providing music for various functions and Juanita Harris, PNP, Chairman of the "All States Dinner" for her Disney World theme in keeping with our stay in Orlando; and Polly Dennis and others for decorations; and PNFC Elaine Keiser for her donations to the convention in memory of her dear husband, George, who many times served as Convention Chairman; and Paul and Louisa Decker, Elaine's brother and sister-in-law for printing the programs for the Joint Session and Memorial Service and William J. Morris for printing the official convention programs, and

Whereas, we were given wonderful accommodations and a friendly welcome by the employees and staff of the Tamar International Inn, we wish to express our appreciation to Helen Murphy, General Manager and Director of Marketing, to Jo Sciacca, Asst General Manager, to Michelle O'Brien, Sales Manager, to Barbara Ward, Reservation Manager, to Manuel Bradac, Executive Chef, to Josefa Piniero, Executive Housekeeper and the rest of the wonderful staff who made our stay most enjoyable, and

Whereas, many public officials and citizens have been most generous in the interest shown in our activities, we wish to express our thanks to Commissioner Glenda E. Hood, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Orlando; to Col. John E. Harbert, USA Retd., and his wife Grace representing the Legion of Valor; to Admiral Norgaard and to Michael Perry, Florida Vietnam Veteran, both members of the Legion of Valor; to Paul Thompson, Past National Commander, DAV; to John E. Hamilton, State Commander, Florida VFW; to James Diamond, National Commander, Army & Navy Union; to Delbert D. Black, Past Regional President, Fleet Reserve Association; to Ben Kosisrowski, Regional Commander, Polish legion of American Veterans, U.S.A.,

from New Port Richey, FL; and to Carlos Rainwater, Regional Director, V.A., St. Petersburg for his fine address and for his presentation of an interesting collection of pictures of the Spanish American War fortifications still preserved in the Tampa, Florida area; to Dan Weise, Mgt. Analyst, V.A., Florida; to Rev. Ricardo R. Liwag, Filipino-American Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Orlando, Florida for his inspiring address at the Memorial Service. and

Whereas, we wish to thank the young men from the Naval Training Station, Orlando, Florida who acted as color bearers for the Parade of States and the young man who sounded taps at the memorial service, and

Whereas during the Bus Tour of Orlando, we stopped at the Greenwood Cemetery to place wreaths at the United Spanish War Veterans monument erected by the camp and auxiliary of Orlando. We were pleased to meet three members of the Orlando Auxiliary and Daughters of '98, and

Whereas, we were happy to have our Commander-in-Chief S. Leroy Mendel with us again this year and it is our hope that he will attend many more in the future.

Whereas, we wish to express our thanks to all who had a part in making our encampment a success, and although we may have omitted some names, we want them to know we appreciated their efforts, therefore be it

Resolved by the 89th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled in Orlando, Florida, September 11–16, 1987 that we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the friendliness we have received during our stay in this fine city, which we shall always remember and cherish.

Chairman STRETZ. I move the adoption of this resolution.

Board Member KEISER. I second the motion.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. It has been regularly moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted. Are you ready for the question?

[Vote taken and carried unanimously.]

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. The motion is carried and it is so ordered.

At this time I will install the Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief Lawrence B. Stretz and Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief Arthur T. Lou. They will present themselves for installation.

[Lawrence B. Stretz, acting senior vice commander in chief elect and Arthur T. Lou, acting junior vice commander in chief, presented to installing officer.]

Brother Larry, you have been advanced from the office of junior vice commander in chief. I'm sure it isn't necessary for me to call your attention to the duties that you may be called upon to exercise in absence or the disability of the Commander in Chief and to be prepared at any time to take over these duties. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

"I, Lawrence B. Stretz, on my honor as a man and a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, do solemnly pledge myself to perform faithfully all the duties devolving upon me in the office of acting senior vice commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans."

Brother Arthur. Is it necessary for me to tell you that you have been elected as acting junior vice commander in chief? I am sure that you are prepared, willing and ready to perform the duties incumbent upon you. Will you raise your right hand please?

"I Arthur T. Lou, on my honor as a man and a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, do solemnly pledge myself to perform faithfully all the duties devolving upon me as acting junior vice commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans."

Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. Do we have to appoint a convention Chairman?

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I think we could wait and put everything together. Evelyn, I assume you are going to be the Auxiliary chairman?

Delegate FISCHER. Well I don't know.

Acting Senior Vice Commander STRETZ. Well the U.S.W.V. chairman would be over everything. Isn't there someone else from Iowa in the Auxiliary?

Delegate FISCHER. Well we have someone who can be city chairman and Christine De Serano from Waterloo is the Fort Captain. She is very capable and can be the chairman for the Daughters of '98.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE Then you would prefer to be U.S.W.V. General Encampment Chairman ?

Delegate FISCHER. Yes.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Then consider the appointment made and it is so ordered.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief STRETZ. Do I understand that now that we have passed these amendments that we do nothing?

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. We will try this and see. Is there any further business to come before this encampment? Hearing none I will ask Brother Lou to give the benediction.

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief LOU. Almighty God. As we now are about to separate and go our respective ways wilt Thou go with each and all of us. Let Thy blessing continue upon us in the days to come as Thou hast blessed us in the days past and gone. May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon us and abide with us. May He keep us true to our country, loyal to Our Flag, and faithful to our Fraternity. Amen.

Acting Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. I now declare this Eighty-ninth National Encampment adjourned.

[The meeting adjourned at 11:45 o'clock.]

REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

Report of the Acting Commander in Chief

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL
Commander in Chief, United Spanish War Veterans

I have endeavored at all times to serve in the best manner possible with the interests and goals of the United Spanish War Veterans my top priority.

Having been in contact with U.S. Representative Peter W. Rodino, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, with regard to the eventual transition, I received a reply on November 10 which I believe most of you here are aware of the contents. Since that time after consulting with Frank Schmidt, just retired as Director of Veterans Affairs in Michigan, and Adjutant General Beulah Cope's contacts with the very knowledgeable Leo Anderson, Director of Veterans Affairs for the District of Columbia, as you know, we now have a different perspective on the future of the United Spanish War Veterans. Both gentlemen have a thorough knowledge of our organization, our charter, what we can and cannot do, as well as knowledge of the major veterans organizations, which they advise and assist in every way possible.

I attended the funeral of A. Lee Harris, a member of the Sons and husband of Past National Auxiliary President Juanita Harris. This was held on December 31, 1986 in Jacksonville Beach, FL. I visited the Grand Rapids Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids and noted the fine condition of the Spanish American War polished brass cannon.

I made a trip to Orlando prior to the convention planning session to see what facilities and accommodations were available for this convention. In March I attended the convention planning session along with Adjutant General Cope, and the various chairmen from our organizations. The International Inn hotel manager, Ms. Helen Murphy, was most cooperative and agreeable to our needs.

All mail was answered promptly, and I either telephoned or wrote whenever news of an illness or death occurred in our organizations.

Commander in Chief Mendel, we are so honored and so very grateful to have you here with us at this 89th Annual Encampment and we all hope you enjoy every minute of your stay here in Orlando, and that you have a pleasant and safe trip home.

The cooperation of everyone in all organizations has been outstanding and appreciated. How remiss I would be if I did not thank especially Adjutant General Cope for her excellent work, beautifully kept books, the taking care of every detail, her hard work—no small detail overlooked, her patience in the answering of the many requests for information from relatives of Spanish War Veterans, most of this work far above the call of duty.

A big thank you to Elaine Keiser for a magnificent job as General Encampment Chairman—donating so much of her time and money for this convention, seeing to every detail, making this Orlando convention the outstanding success it is.

Deep appreciation and gratitude to Selma Strong for her fine work as publicity chairman. Despite trying and very sad circumstances, Selma submitted accurate and professionally written news items to the Stars and Stripes and other publications, and appreciation and thanks to Acting Chaplain in Chief Arthur Lou for his dedicated work in arranging Memorial Services.

All TV stations in the Orlando area and four area newspapers were given an informational resume of the main functions of the convention, aims of our organizations, and the listing of the national leaders.

It was a privilege to visit the new national cemetery at Fort Mitchell, Alabama, near Phoenix City, in June of this year. This was just prior to the dedicatory ceremonies and, I might add, one of the most beautiful of the national cemeteries I have visited.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SHAKESPEARE
Acting Commander in Chief.

Report of the Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL
Commander in Chief, United Spanish War Veterans.

As Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief, I brought the greetings of the National organization, U.S.W.V. to the Department Convention of the Department of New York, held in Schenectady, NY in July.

I served as co-chairman of the Convention Committee. I was the moderator at the Joint Session and Memorial Service. I also served as toastmaster at the convention dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE B. STRETZ
Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief

Report of Acting Chaplain-Chief

LEROY MENDEL
Commander in Chief, United Spanish War Veterans

In my capacity as Acting Chaplain-in-Chief, I have sent cards or notes of sympathy for any death that was reported.

I was asked to give the location at the Joint Session and at the first business session of the 88th National Encampment in Bangor, ME.

I arranged to have Reverend Ricardo R. Liwag give the Memorial Address at the Joint Memorial Service at the coming Encampment in Orlando, FL. He is the minister of the Filipino-American Seventh Day Adventist Church in Orlando, FL. His grandfather was a Spanish War Veteran.

The heat disabled me that I could not attend the department convention of Pennsylvania U.S.W.V. in June.

I have attended the urgent meetings of the Cruiser Olympia Association, Inc. in reference to the 1986 lawsuit against the Association. If the judgment is not met and no other alternative plan in sight, the ship would revert back to the U.S. Navy and possibly be moved out of Philadelphia.

A fund raising campaign was begun and several extensions of time granted. Finally Philadelphia's City Council agreed to give the Cruiser Olympia Association two grants of $50,000 each and with the $50,000 raised in fund-raising and donations, it will settle the suit. It is our hope the money will be forthcoming, and soon!

The historic and famed vessel is the only remaining ship of the Spanish American War era and is permanently moored at Penns Landing in Philadelphia.

The Association also maintains the *USS Becuna*, a World War II shrine which is moored alongside the *USS Olympia*. Because of her fame in the Battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, she was chosen to bring back the body of the Unknown Soldier of World War I for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Pennsylvania State Camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, via State Secretary Barvey Stoehr, contributed towards a fund to refurbish a Spanish American War monument in Easton, PA. This was erected by the Col. Charles A. Wikoff Camp #43, which has long been disbanded. On May 24, 1987 the refurbished "Remember the Maine" monument was rededicated. A military parade was held and the ceremony attended by patriotic and veterans groups of Northampton County.

We are grateful to the oldest native-born, America's oldest patriotic order "For God, Country, Our Order."

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR T. LOU
Acting Chaplain-in-Chief
Last Living Founder of the Cruiser
Olympia Association, Inc.

Report of Adjutant General

September 13, 1987

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

Dear Comrade:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the National Encampment I herewith submit my report as Adjutant General for the year ending September 16, 1987.

The records at National Headquarters are up to date and complete. The funds are on deposit at Riggs National Bank, Washington, DC. A full report and summary are shown in the Auditor's Report included as a part of this report.

As of July 1, 1987 we had two veterans on our membership roll as compared with six a year ago. These represent the Departments of Illinois and New Jersey. In addition we have eight additional De-

partments on the roll where although the last veteran has died a unit of an affiliate group has agreed to continue to carry on the work of the United Spanish War Veterans. These are California, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

We have issued three General Orders and six Special Orders during this administration. The proceedings of the Cleveland Encampment have been mailed to all remaining departments and camps and to all officers and our affiliate groups. The proceedings of the Bangor encampment have been transcribed and will be ready for the printer shortly.

Since our last encampment we have lost three veterans, Ralph Waldo Taylor Senior Vice Commander in Chief, former member of Major Frank Keck Camp #53 in New York City and Charter Member of South Shore Camp 128 from 1935, Lynbrook, Long Island. Jasper Garrison from Illinois a member at large since 1939 Jesse A. Jackson who as far as we know was not a member. That leaves three veterans, two members and one a retired navy man who is not. As of July 1987 were 4,314 widows of Spanish American War Veterans and 754 helpless children on the pension roles. This was a loss of 5 veterans, 825 widows and 53 children during the past year. Of the widows, 2,937 are still receiving their pensions under the "Old Law", 287 under the later law, 48 whose husbands death was service connected and 1,042 under the Improved Pension Law ,P.L. 95-588.

I represented Commander in Chief Mendel at Veterans Day Services in Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 1986 and at services on Memorial Day, May 25, 1987 when I placed a floral tribute at the Spanish American War Monument in Arlington National Cemetery.

On February 19-21 I came to Orlando to meet with convention chairmen and local committees to set up plans for our current convention

Our contacts with the Veterans' Administration are excellent. Our sincere thanks to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, General Thomas K. Turnage, and to the members of his staff.

My sincere thanks to Mr. A. Lee Anderson, District of Columbia, Director of Veterans' Affairs for his advice and assistance in drafting suggested amendments to our Rules and Regulations and in procedures to be followed in filing a petition to the Congress for approval to permit the organization to continue to function under an amended Congressional Charter.

I also wish to express my thanks to the Stars and Stripes/The National Tribune for their cooperation on our publicity.

And to all of you my sincere thanks for your helpful advice and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

BEULAH M. COPE
Adjutant General

DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AUGUST 23, 1987

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
United Spanish War Veterans
Washington, DC

We have examined the Balance Sheet of the National Headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans as of June 30, 1987, and the Statement of Income and expenses for the year when ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly inclosed such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The accounts are maintained generally on a cash basis and differences between such basis and the accrual basis are relatively immaterial.

In our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses present fairly the financial position of the National Headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans at June 30, 1987 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

RICHARD A. BURNS
Certified Public Accountant

EXHIBIT A

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS—BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1987

Current assets:		
Cash in Riggs National Bank:		
Checking account	$1,202.49	
Savings account	9,239.61	$10,442.10
Petty Cash		100.00
Inventory—Supplies for sale		143.90
Prepaid expenses—postage		21.95
Property and equipment:		
Office furniture and equipment	3,387.20	.....
Allowance for depreciation	3,041.90	345.30
Total, assets		11,053.25
Current liabilities:		
Payroll taxes withheld:		
FICA	21.45	.....
Federal withholding	43.00	.....
Maryland withholding	38.19	102.64
Capital account (exhibit B):		
Unappropriated fund	(10,963.55)	.....
Encampment Fund	(5,330.70)	.....
Special Fund	27,244.86	10,950.61
Total, liabilities and capital account		11,053.25

EXHIBIT B

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

[STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986]

	Unappropriated fund	Encampment fund	Special fund	Combined funds
Income:				
Sale of supplies	$6.00			6.00
Interest on savings	688.95			688.95
Contributions		$10.00	$515.00	525.00
Miscellaneous	69.75			69.75
Total income	764.70	10.00	515.00	1,289.70
Expenses:				
Auditing fee	163.65			163.65
Taxes—Payroll	339.30			339.30
Taxes—Personal property	27.16			27.16
Encampment expenses (net)		1,418.90		1,418.90
Equipment maintenance	114.96			114.96
Miscellaneous	179.03			179.03
Office supplies	57.57			57.57
Office payroll	3,600.00			3,600.00
Postage and shipping	123.76			123.76
Printing and stationery	92.72			92.72
Purchase of supplies				
Telephone	296.12			296.12
Fidelity bond	100.00			100.00
Depreciation	48.10			48.10
Total expenses	5,142.37	1418.90		6,561.27
Income over (under) expenses	(4,377.67)	(1,408.90)	515.00	(5,271.57)
Capital account, July 1, 1986	(6,585.88)	(3,921.80)	26,729.86	16,222.18
Capital account, June 30, 1987	(10,963.55)	(5,330.70)	27,244.86	10,950.61

Report of the Acting Quartermaster General

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief, United Spanish War Veterans.

Rendered herewith is my brief report of activities for the year 1987.

Represented the United Spanish War Veterans by invitation on three occasions in Florida with brief remarks.

Spoke at Memorial Day Services in my home town of Belle Center, Ohio. The same day represented all Spanish American War Veterans at the dedication of a Memorial to the first recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor—Lt. Jacob Parrot, Andrews Raiders, Civil War.

Represented Spanish War Veterans at the Flag Day Ceremony in Lakeview, Ohio. The event sponsored by both the American Veterans of WW II, Korea and Vietnam and the American Legion.

Visited several veterans organizations headquarters in Columbus, OH. Amvets, D.A.V., WW I and the 37th Division (O.N.G.) Association. All Organizations send the United Spanish War Veterans their highest regards.

Visited with the former Adj/Qm of the Ohio Department, Del Nelson. I request consideration be given to issuing her a National Honorary Membership in the United Spanish War Veterans for her outstanding years of dedicated service to the National Organizations and the Ohio Department. It was hoped that she would be able to attend the Orlando Encampment, but find it is impossible for her to do so at this time.

Copies of all my remarks have been forwarded to Acting Commander in Chief Shakespeare.

I have just undergone minor surgery at Wright Patterson AFB and it is with deep regret that I shall not be able to appear in person to render this report. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in the dual capacity.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIS H. LIGGITT
Acting Quartermaster General.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee

September 13, 1987

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

Since the Budget and Finance Committee is no longer able to hold the meetings required by the Rules and Regulations as had been done in the past we are herewith submitting a report of the National Headquarters expenditures for the past fiscal year ending June 30, 1987 as compared with the budget which was approved by the 88th National Encampment, and the amounts over and under the budget. I believe this presents an accurate picture of our finances.

Sincerely in F. P. & H.,

BEULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

[Budget report for the period from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987 with total budget for 1986–87, disbursements by item and unexpended balances]

Items	Budget 1986–87	Disbursements	Unexpended	Over budget
1. Auditing fee	$170	$163.65	$6.35	
2. Taxes, payroll (Social Security)	265	257.40	7.60	
3. Taxes, unemployment compensation	100	81.90	18.10	
4. Taxes, D.C. personal property	30	27.16	2.84	
5. Encampment expenses (general) [1]	500	436.85	63.15	
6. Encampment expenses (veterans)	550	982.05		$432.05
7. Equipment maintenance	100	114.96		14.96
8. Miscellaneous	200	179.03	20.97	
9. Office supplies	100	57.57	42.43	
10. Office payroll	4,000	3,600.00	400.00	
11. Adjutant General's expenses	100		100.00	
12. Postage and shipping	200	116.50	83.50	
13. Printing and stationery	150	92.72	57.28	
14. Telephone	325	296.12	28.88	
15. Sales supplies	50		50.00	
16. Fidelity Bond	100	100.00		
Total	6,940	6,505.91	881.10	447.01

[1] The net General Encampment Expense was actually $373.10 since the printer reimbursed us for the extra expense of shipping programs to Bangor from Washington.

1986–87 BUDGET WITH AMOUNTS EXPENDED AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1987–88

Items	1986–87 budget	1987–88 proposed budget	Changes
1. Auditing fee	$170	$170	No change
2. Taxes payroll (Social Security)	265	265	Do.
3. Taxes, unemployment compensation	100	100	Do.
4. Taxes, D.C. personal property	30	30	Do.
5. Encampment expenses (general)	500	550	Increase $50.
6. Encampment expenses (Veterans)	550	500	Decrease $50.
7. Equipment maintenance	100	120	Increase $20.
8. Miscellaneous	200	200	No change.
9. Office supplies	100	25	Decrease $25.
10. Office payroll	4,000	4,000	No change.
11. Adjutant General's expenses	100	100	Do.
12. Postage and shipping	200	175	Decrease $25.
13. Printing and stationery	150	150	No change.
14. Telephone	325	325	Do.
15. Sale supplies	50	50	Do.
16. Fidelity bond	100	100	Do.
Total	6,940	6,910	Decrease $30

Report of the National VAVS Representative

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief, United Spanish War Veterans.

On January 3, 1946, President Truman signed Public Law 293, which has been called the "Magna Carta" of V.A. medical care for veterans. It established the Department of Medicine and Surgery, making management of the agency's program answerable directly to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs. Public Law 293 also conferred authority for the new Department to enter into medical school affiliations and to hire medical and nursing personnel according to essential professional qualifications not covered by Civil Service classifications. Thus the Veterans' Administration was able to alleviate a critical shortage of personnel and embark on a long overdue upgrading of patient care.

The law was a signal accomplishment for General Omar Bradley, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and for General Paul R. Hawley who at his request had studied and recommended improvements in the V.A health care. delivery system. General Hawley became the first Chief Medical Director of March 3, 1946 and quickly began moving toward his announced objective "a medical service for the veterans that is second to none in the world."

It has been growing ever since. Today it has 54 VAVS National Advisory Committee members.

In 1950 statistical reports on volunteers in medical centers were initiated. Today there are close to 85,000 volunteers serving over 12,400,000 hours.

Last November's four day conference of the VAVS was on care for the aging veterans. More than a thousand attended.

The James H. Parke Memorial Youth Scholarship Award, named for the first director and VAVS and its founder, was given to Jeffrey Carrington, age 17.

James Carrington was sponsored by the VFW of the Department of Florida. He had devoted 3000 hours as a hospital volunteer since 1980, at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center. He wa chosen from among 41 other applicants for this year's $3,000 scholarship.

"Faith, hope and love are eternal. Thank God, for liberty is the freedom to volunteer."

On the evening of Friday November 21, 1986, awards were presented to VAVS participating service organizations. Presenting the awards were: Dr. John A. Gronvall, acting Chief Medical Director, and Mrs. Joan Lamb, executive assistant to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs. Among those accepting an award were: Arthur Lou, National VAVS Representative, United Spanish War Veterans; and Beulah Cope, Adjutant General, United Spanish War Veterans.

The plaque reads:

Administrator's Award, presented to, United Spanish War Veterans, in recognition of your members unselfish voluntary service. Their devotion to meeting the needs of veteran patients has made a significant contribution toward providing the highest quality of care possible for America's veterans.

Awarded on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Veterans' Administration Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee.

Given at Washington, DC, November 1986.

THOMAS K. TURNAGE, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

I thank Commander-in-Chief, S. Leroy Mendel for the opportunity to serve the National Organization, United Spanish War Veterans, in this important office.

Sincerely in F.P. & H.,

ARTHUR T. LOU, PNP, SSAWV
National VAVS Representative

Report of the National Publicity Chairman

S. LEROY MENDEL
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

Having been appointed National Publicity Chairman, I did my best to write articles for the Stars and Stripes that would be interesting and informative to their readers.

I sent in four articles, a Christmas letter and sent in an Easter message from Commander in Chief S. Leroy Mendel.

My sincere thanks to Robert Shakespeare, Acting Commander in Chief for submitting articles to the Stars and Stripes.

Sincere thanks to the Stars and Stripes for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

SELMA STRONG
Publicity Chairman

GENERAL ORDERS

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1
Series 1986-87

August 28, 1986

AMERICANISM

"Americanism is an unfailing love of Country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

Having been elected Commander in Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans at the stated convention of the 87th National Encampment held in Bangor, Maine August 23 to 27, 1986, I hereby assume command and respectfully recommend the following appointments. All appointments by the previous administration and not renewed by this order are hereby relieved.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Chief of Staff—Jasper Garrison, M.L., Illinois V.A. Medical Center, Main Street, Marion, IL 62959.

Aide to Chief of Staff—Anne N. Garber, P.D.P., Auxiliary, 5224 Towers Terrace, Pittsburgh, PA 15229.

Adjutant General—Beulah M. Cope, P.N.F.C., Daughters, District of Columbia; (Office) P.O. Box 1915, Washington, DC 20013; (Home) 1107 Lancaster Road, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Acting Quartermaster General—Willis H. Liggitt, M.L., Sons, Florida, 5640 Rumford Ave., S.W., Port Charlotte, FL 33953.

Acting Inspector General—Joseph Regley, D.P., Sons, California, 666 34th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

Judge Advocate General—Joseph A. Lapan, P.N.P., Sons, 7101 Cobia Lane, Hudson, FL 33567.

Acting Chaplain in Chief—Arthur T. Lou, P.N.P., Sons, Pennsylvania, 6054 Augusta Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149.

Acting National Patriotic Instructor—Walter D. Clisbee, P.N.P., Sons, Massachusetts, Trinity Village, 214 Grove St. F-7, Brockton, MA 02402.

Acting National Historian—Elaine Keiser, P.N.F.C., Daughters, Illinois, 154-B Crossways Drive, Mid-Florida Lakes, Leesburg, FL 32748.

Acting Provost Marshal—Jack A. Dempsey, P.N.P., Sons, California, 1560 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

COMMITTEES

Publicity

Selma Strong, P.N.F.C., Daughters, Chairman, 4039 South 54th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53220.

National Executive Committee

S. Leroy Mendel, Commander in Chief, Chairman, Illinois, 114 Southwest 9th Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.
Robert E. Shakespeare, Acting Commander in Chief, P.N.P., Sons, P.O. Box 236, Big Rapids, MI 49307 (until November 25, 1986 and After May 1, 1987). P.O. Box 51, Flagler Beach, FL 32036. (November 25, 1986 to April 30, 1987).
Ralph W. Taylor, Senior Vice Commander in Chief, New York.
H. Ruth Syler, Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Daughters.
John T. Fitzgerald, Junior Vice Commander in Chief, New Jersey.
Lawrence B Stretz, Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief, P.N.P., Sons.
Beulah M. Cope, P.N F.C., Daughters.
Joseph A. Lapan, P.N.P., Sons.
Arthur T. Lou, P.N.P., Sons.
Elaine Keiser, P.N.F.C., Daughters.
Anne N. Garber, P.C., Daughters.

National Committee on Legislation and Its Administration

John T. Fitzgerald, Chairman, P.C., New Jersey, 510 Roberts Road, Toms River, NJ 08753.
Beulah M. Cope, Adjutant General, Secretary to Committee.
H. Ruth Syler, M.L., Daughters.
Walter D. Clisbee, P.N.P., Sons, Acting Department Commander, Massachusetts.
Willis H. Liggitt, M.L., Sons, Acting Department Commander, Ohio.
William Fischer, M.L., Sons, Acting Department Commander, Iowa.
Ruth M. Adamson, P.N.P., Auxiliary, California.

National Committee on Budget and Finance

Ralph W. Taylor, Chairman, P.C., New York, 2911 West Golf Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.
1-year—Jasper Garrison, Member at Large, Illinois.
2-years—Evelyn Fischer, P.N.P., Auxiliary, Iowa.
3-years—Anne N. Garber, P.D.P., Auxiliary, Pennsylvania.
4-years—Joseph Recley, D.P., Sons, California.

89th National Encampment

Elaine Keiser, P.N.F.C., Daughters, Chairman, 154-B Crossways Drive, Mid-Florida Lakes, Leesburg, Florida 32748.
Robert F. Shakespeare, P.N.P., Sons.
Selma Strong, P.N.F.C., Daughters (Publicity).
Arthur T. Lou, P.N.P., Sons (Memorial Service).
Polly A. Dennis, Daughters.
Joseph A. Lapan, P.N.P., Sons.
H. Ruth Syler, Daughters.
Walter D. Clisbee, P.N.P., Sons.

Veterans' Administration—Voluntary Service Representatives

Arthur T. Lou, Past National Presidents Sons, 6054 Augusta Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149, will continue as the National Representative; and Walter D. Clisbee, Past National President, Sons, will continue as the Deputy Representative, Veterans' Administration Voluntary Services.

National Headquarters

National Headquarters will be maintained at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room B-35, Washington, DC 20420, in accordance with our Rules and Regulations. Since this is the Central Office of the Veterans' Administration please do not send mail to this address as delivery may be delayed. All mail should be addressed as follows: Nation-

al Headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans, Inc., P.O. Box 1915, Washington, DC 20013. [Phone] Area Code (202) 347-1898 or 233-3974.

Personal mail for the Commander in Chief, S. Leroy Mendel should be marked as personal and may be sent to National Headquarters for forwarding or addressed to his home at 114 Southwest 9th Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Remittances

All checks, money orders, etc. should be made payable to "National Headquarters" U.S.W.V., in accordance with Rules and Regulations (Sec. 322). Please do not make them payable to an individual.

Special Memorial Fund

The following contributions have been received since July 1, 1986.

Name of Contributor	*Amount*
Mary C. Dulin, in memory of Fred J. Meyer, Past Commander in Chief, N.Y.	$20.00
Ernestine Davis, Past National Fort Captain, Daughters	5.00
Annette Sladek, Ill., in memory of Father Conrad F. Schultz	5.00
Artemesor LeCoq in memory of Octave LeCoq, Camp 117, N.Y. for Encampment Expenses (P.A.P.)	10.00
Thelma L. Dimes, Va. in memory of all Past Department Commanders, Virginia	10.00
M. W. Baswell, N.C. in memory of grand father Marion W. Bagwell	20.00
Adelaide C. Dudek, Ohio, in memory of Ohio veterans	10.00
Navy & Marine Corps Auxiliary, Evelyn Fischer, Secretary	10.00
Anne N. Garber, Pa., in memory of her father, Theodore Krug	10.00
Edmund R. Ryan, P.N.P., Sons, Massachusetts and Florida	100.00
National Fort, Daughters of '98, Ernestine Davis, National Fort Captain	100.00
Selma Strong, in memory of her father, Paul F. Degner (P.N.F.C.) Wisc	20.00
Total	320.00

1985 Encampment Proceedings

The proceedings of the 87th National Encampment held in Cleveland, OH have been delayed but will be mailed to those entitled to receive them as soon as they are received from the printers. Extra copies will be available for any one desiring to have a copy.

89th National Encampment

The 89th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans and affiliated organizations will be held September 11 to 17, 1987 with headquarters for all groups at the Tamar International Inn, 6327 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. The special convention room rates are $26.00 plus 8% tax per room for one to four persons plus a required fee of $1.00 per person per day for telephone. All rooms have two double beds. A limited number of connecting rooms will be available. Room reservation cards will be available after March 1, 1987.

Personal

I esteem it a great privilege and a high honor to have had the opportunity of serving as your commander in chief during the past year. In the United Spanish War Veterans we have an organization of which we can be very proud. It is my wish that we may have a harmonious year let the spirit of 1898–1902 again be made manifest in 1986–1987. Your confidence in me is sincerely valued, and I hope that I will always be worthy of the trust you have placed in me.

Season's Greetings

Many and wonderful are the traditions of this happy season and all of them have a cherished place in our hearts. But deeper and more important is the opportunity the Holidays give us to greet our friends in a special way and to thank them for all that they have meant to us.

And so this message comes—with gratitude for your loyalty to us this past year and with our good wishes for all the true and lasting joys of this Season.

May a bright and prosperous New Year bring every happiness to you and those you love.

BY ORDER OF:

S. LEROY MENDEL
Commander in Chief

OFFICIAL:
BEULAH M. COPE
Adjutant General

NOTE: A recent V.A. report on our Junior Vice Commander in Chief John T. Fitzgerald who was 102 years old on September 9th, indicates that he is still living alone in his mobile home at Toms River, NJ. He does have to use a walker now to get about but says he is doing fine.

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89th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The stated convention of the 89th National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans will be held in Orlando, FL, September 11th to 16th, 1987 with headquarters for all groups at the International Inn, 6327 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Encampment Committee: Elaine Keiser, PNFC, General Chairman, Robert E. Shakespeare, PNP, Dr. Charles A. Bond, PNP, Walter D. Clisbee, PNP, Polly A. Dennis, PDP, Anne N. Garber, POP, Joseph A. Lapan, PNP, H. Ruth Syler.
Memorial Service: Arthur T. Lou, PNP, Acting Chaplain in Chief.
Publicity: Selma D. Strong, PNFC.
Special Guests and Greetings: Elaine Keiser, PNFC, Dr. Charles A. Bond, PNP, H. Ruth Syler, Selma D. Strong, PNFC.
Bus Tour: Dr. Charles A. Bond, PNP, Chairman.
Enactments: Joseph Arnold Iapan, PNP, Chairman.
Resolutions: Lawrence B. Stretz, PNP, Chairman.

SPECIAL CONVENTION ROOM RATES PER DAY

All room rates will be $26.00 per day plus 5% sales tax and 3% bed tax or a total of $28.08. The rate is per room which contains two double beds and will apply for up to 4 persons per room. The rate applies only for the dates of the convention as shown above. Persons who arrive earlier or stay over longer may have to pay a different rate which will be determined by the hotel. Special room reservation forms are available upon request at national headquarters.

Limousine and bus service from airport $5.00 per person. Taxi service $16.00 for up to 5 persons in the cab. Bus service from the hotel to Disney World, Sea World or Epcot is available at a cost of $6.00 round trip.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM

All meetings except as noted will be held in the International Inn.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1987.

3:00 P.M.—Meeting all Convention Committees and Hotel Staff, Delta Room, Saturday, September 12, 1987.
Registration of delegates—Lobby.
9:30 P.M—Reception for Commander in Chief, National Auxiliary President and National Officers—Restaurantique.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1987

2:00 P.M.—First Business Session, Room 131—Reports of National Officers, Nominations of Officers and 1988 Encampment cities; Committee appointments.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1987

9:00 A.M—Joint Session of all organizations, Parade of States and Memorial Service—Delta-Shawnee Rooms.
2:00 P.M.—Second Business Session—Room 131—Reports of Enactments and Resolutions Committees election of officers and selection of Encampment City; Installation of officers.
6:30 P.M.—All-States Dinner—Delta-Shawnee Rooms.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

9:00 A.M.—Bus Tour including wreath laying at Spanish American War Monument in Greenwood Cemetery, scenic tour of Orlando and Winter Park and nearby shopping areas.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1987

9:30 A.M.—Third and Final Business Session—Room 131—Unfinished and new business.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

These are functions for which advance reservations are required. The name and address of the chairman and price including tax and tip is given with each function. If for health or other reasons you wish a different menu please tell the chairman when you order your tickets.

Saturday, September 12, 6:30 P.M.—Past National President's Dinner. Menu: Melon in season, Tossed Salad, Boneless breast of chicken/ White Sauce, sweet potatoes, peas and onion, chocolate cake and beverage—$13.00. Mrs. Marie C. Cruise, 909—5th Ave., North, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.

Saturday, September 12, 6:30 P.M.—Military Order of Rats Dinner Menu: Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Roast Turkey with dressing and gravy, cranberry Sauce, Baked Potato, Green Beans Almandine, Apple Pie and Beverage—$13.75. Mr. William Backus, 9219 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44102.

Sunday, September 1, 12:00 Noon—Past Auxiliary Presidents Luncheon Menu: Fresh Fruit Cup, Chicken Kiev, Rice, Peas and Mushrooms, Key Lime Pie and Beverage—$8.50. Mrs. Zena Pratt, 2755 Curlew Road, #31, Palm Harbor, Florida 33563.

Sunday, September 13, 6:30 P.M.—Past Department Presidents Dinner. Menu: Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce, Candied Sweet Potatoes, White Corn, Apple Pie and beverage—$13.50. Ms. Jean Coughlin, 125 Granite Street, Apt 828, Quincy, Mass. 02169.

Monday, September 14, 12:00 Noon—Past National Presidents of Sons Luncheon. Menu: International Tossed Salad, Sliced Roast Beef Au Jus, Green Beans Almandine, Baked Potato, Key Lime Pie and Beverage (Members and guests only)—$10.75. Mr. William Backus, 9219 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44102.

Monday, September 14, 6:30 P.M—All-States Dinner. Menu: Fresh Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Baked Ham, Rissole Potatoes, Carrots, Cheese Cake and Beverage—$13.50. Mrs. Juanita S. Harris, P.0. Box 50454, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32240.

Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 A.M—Daughters of '98 Breakfast. Menu: Juice, scrambled eggs and bacon, Hashed Brown Potatoes, Sweet Rolls, Toast, Coffee

and Tea—$5.00. Miss Gertrude F. Bond, 14 Lawrence Street, Haverhill, Mass. 01830.

All tickets must be ordered and paid for prior to August 31, 1987.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL FUND

The following contributions have been received since October 1986

Name of Contributor	*Amount*
Charlotte Watkins Petrone, Glen Mills, PA	$20.00
Robert E. Anderson, New Hyde Park, NY	20.00
J. Bradley Phillips, Cincinnati, OH	10.00
Alice Albrecht, PNFC, New York, in memory of her parents	20.00
Ralph W. & Bessie B. Taylor, Camp #128, New York, Pompano Beach, FL	25.00
Bessie Bell Taylor, Pompano Beach, Fla. in memory of Ralph W. Taylor	100.00
Kenneth E. Crouch, Bedford, VA	10.00
Total	250.00

On behalf of the members of the organization we sincerely thank each of you for your generous contributions. They are truly appreciated.

CONVENTION BUS TOUR

Tuesday, September 15, 1987: A very interesting and restful tour has been arranged with a minimum of walking required. The air conditioned bus will load at the International Inn at 8:15 a.m Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 A.M. returning about 6:00 P.M.

The guided tour will include:

Wreath laying at the Spanish American War Monument in Greenwood Cemetery Orlando erected by Col. Charles P. Lovell Camp and Auxiliary in 1964.

Scenic tour through the City of Orlando (east side).

The Winter Park Area for shopping, one-hour boat trip and lunch at Morrisons Cafeteria (You pay for your own). Those who prefer may take a scenic bus tour (same bus) of Winter Park area instead of boat trip. Cost of bast trip is included.

Scenic Tour of City of Orlando (west side).

Places of Learning.

"Old Town" a turn of the century reproduction of a Florida town (Kissimmee).

Shopping and supper in Old Town, which you pay for.

Return to hotel about 6:00 P.M. (Earlier times can be arranged).

Tour cost is $17.00 which includes tax and tour guide.

Please order tickets early. All checks, money orders, etc. for reservations must be sent to Dr. Charles A. Bond, P.O. Box 236, Big Rapids, MI 49307 by August 21st.

TAPS

IN MEMORIUM

It is with sincere regret that National Headquarters announces the deaths of the following named comrades.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Ralph Waldo Taylor (New York) South Shore Camp #128, May 15, 1987

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Jasper Garrison (Illinois) Member at Large, June 4, 1987
Jesse A. Jackson (Indiana) Former member, June 2, 1987

Let us cherish the memory of our departed comrades for all they have meant to us. May they rest in peace.

By order of:

S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief

Official:
BEULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General

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AMERICANISM

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OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the stated convention of the 89th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans held in Orlando, FL September 11 to 16, 1987.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF—Samuel Leroy Mendel, Illinois, 114 South 9th Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF—John T. Fitzgerald, New Jersey Barnegat Nursing Home, Barnegat, NJ 08005.

ACTING OFFICERS ELECTED

The following acting officers were elected by unanimous vote of the 89th National Convention. They will serve when the elected officer is unable to perform the duties of the office.

ACTING COMMANDER IN CHIEF—Robert E. Shakespeare, P.N P., Sons, P.O. Box 51, Flagler Beach, FL 32O36 (Winters); P.O. Box 236, Big Rapids, MI 49307 (Summers).

ACTING SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF—Lawrence B Stretz, P.N.P., Sons, P.O. Box 27, Monson, ME 04464.

ACTING JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF—Arthur T. Lou, P.N.P., Sons, 6054 Augusta Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149.

AIDES, EXECUTIVE BOARD

Joseph Arnold Lapan	H. Ruth Syler
Robert E. Shakespeare	Lawrence B Stretz
Beulah M. Cope	Elaine Keiser
Arthur T. Lou	Anne N. Garber

90th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Des Moines, Iowa was selected as the site of our 90th National Encampment by a unanimous vote of the delegates. Headquarters for all groups will be the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Walnut Mall at 10th Street. The dates are August 20 to 31, 1988.

MEMBERSHIP

As of August 1987, the Veterans' Administration reported a total of 3 Spanish American War Veterans on their rolls. At the same time there were 4,260 widows and 754 Children of Spanish-American War veterans on the pension rolls. This represents a loss of four veterans, 814 widows and 45 children during the past year. Two of the three veterans are members of the U.S.W.V.

By order of:

S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
BEULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing but gives much,
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it can last forever,
None are so rich that can get along without it,
And none so poor but that can be made rich by it.
It enriches those who receive
Without making poor those who give,
It creates sunshine in the home,
Fosters good will in business,
And is the best antidote for trouble,
And yet it cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is of no value
Unless it is freely given away.
Some people are too busy to give you a smile,
Give them one of yours;
For the good Lord knows that no one needs a smile so much
As he or she who has no more smiles left to give.

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 3 (Part 2)
Series 1986-87

September 16, 1987

89th National Encampment, Orlando, Florida

September 11-16, 1987

The following enactments were unanimously adopted:

Enactment No. 1

Be it enacted by the 89th National Encampment in convention assembled at Orlando, Florida, September 11-16, 1987 and by the authority of same as follows:

That Section 196 of Article II, Rules and Regulations be amended by deleting subsection a and inserting on lieu thereof "a. The formal stated annual convention of the National Encampment is no longer required."

Enactment No. 2

Be it enacted by the 89th National Encampment in convention assembled at Orlando, Florida, September 11-16, 1987 and by the authority of same as follows:

That subsequent to the effective date of these amendments, nine Aides, to be designated as "Board Members", shall be elected from the membership of the existing organizations of the United Spanish War Veterans (including members of the Auxiliary, U.S.W.V., Sons of Spanish American War Veterans and Daughters of '98) who shall be charged with promulgating the business and tradition of the United Spanish War Veterans and said Aides as Board members will thereafter be charged with carrying forth the intent of P.L. 76-473. At least one Aide from each of the aforementioned groups shall hold membership on this nine member board.

Enactment No. 3

Be it enacted by the 89th National Encampment in convention assembled at Orlando, Florida, September 11-16, 1987 and by the authority of same as follows:

With respect to the provisions of the Aides, constituting this nine member board, of Enactment No. 2, appointed or elected, shall have a voice and a vote in the transaction of the future business of the United Spanish War Veterans and shall establish a schedule of meetings for the purpose of transacting the business of the U.S.W.V. on the basis of at least one meeting per year.

Enactment No. 4

Be it enacted by the 89th National Encampment in convention assembled at Orlando, Florida, September 11-16, 1987 and by the authority of same as follows:

That Article II, Section 234—Adjutant General, subsection u be amended by adding the following: "In order to provide for the orderly disposition of any real property, funds, archives, memorabilia, etc., it is the will of this Encampment that the ownership of the aforementioned shall be vested with and under the jurisdiction

of the nine member board for their safe keeping and/or subsequent disposition at their discretion. This section shall be binding following this 1987 Encampment."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

89th National Encampment, Orlando, Florida

September 11-16, 1987

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 1

Courtesy Resolution

Whereas the United Spanish War Veterans and their affiliated organizations have been graciously received and entertained with true friendship and comradeship by the city of Orlando, Florida, we wish to thank and commend the convention committee headed by Elaine Keiser, General Chairman, Acting National Historian, U.S.W.V.; and Beulah M. Cope, Adjutant General, U.S.W.V for her work in preparing for the Encampment, before, during and after the convention; and Elizabeth C. Cahill, Convention Chairman, Helen C. Fitch, Convention Co-Chairman, Lisa Burdetts, Convention City Chairman for the National Auxiliary; and PNP Lawrence B. Stretz, Convention Chairman for the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans; PNP Marie C. Cruise and PNFC Gertrude F. Bond, Convention Co-Chairman, Daughters of '98; PNP William Backus, Dinner Chairman, M.0.R.; Kathleen A. Robbins, Chairman M.0.L.; PNP Charles A. Bond, Bus Tour Chairman; PNFC Selma Strong, Publicity Chairman, U.S.W.V.; and

Whereas we also wish to thank PNP Robert E. Shakespeare, Acting Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V. for conducting the Joint Session; PNP Arthur T. Lou, Acting Chaplain in Chief for conducting the memorial service; and Anne N. Garber and Edith V. Clisbee for providing music for various functions; and Juanita Harris, PNP Chairman of the "All States Dinner" for her Disney World theme in keeping with out stay in Orlando; and Polly Dennis and others for decorations; and PNFC Elaine Keiser for her donations to the convention in memory of her dear husband, George, who many times served as Convention Chairman; and Paul and Louisa Decker, Flaine's brother and sister in law for printing of the programs for the Joint Session and Memorial Service and William J. Morgis for printing the official convention programs, and

Whereas we were given wonderful accommodations and a friendly welcome by the employees and staff of the Tamar International Inn, we wish to express our appreciation to Helen Murphy, General Manager and Director of Marketing, to Jo Sciacca, Assistant General Manager, to Michelle O'Brien, Sales Manager, to Barbara Ward, Reservation Manager, to Manuel Bradac, Executive Chef, to Josefa Piniero, Executive Housekeeper and the rest of the wonderful staff who made our stay most enjoyable, and

Whereas we wish to thank the young men from the Naval Training Station, Orlando, Florida who acted as color bearers for the Parade of States and the young man who sounded taps at the Memorial Service, and

Whereas many public officials and citizens have been most generous in the interest shown in our activities, we wish to express our thanks to Commissioner Glenda E. Hood, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Orlando; to Col. John E. Harbert, USA, Ret., and his wife Grace representing the Legion of Valor; to Admiral Norgaard and to Michael Perry, Florida Vietnam veteran, both members of the Legion of Valor; to Paul Thompson, Past National Commander, CAV; to John E. Hamilton, State Commander Florida VFW; to James Diamond, National Commander, Army & Navy Union; to Delbert D. Black, Past Regional President, Fleet Reserve Association; to Ben Kosisrowski, Regional Commander, Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A., from New Port Richey and to Carlos Rainwater, Regional Director, Veterans' Administration, St. Petersburg for his fine address and for his presentation of an interesting collection of photos of the Spanish American War fortifications and places of interest still preserved in the Tampa, Florida area; to Dan Weise, Mgt. Analyst, V.A., Florida; to Rev. Ricardo R. Liwag, Minister, Filipino-American Seventh Day Adventist Church, Orlando, Florida for this inspiring address at the Memorial Service, and

Whereas during the Bus Tour of Orlando, we stopped a the Greenwood Cemetery to place wreaths at the United Spanish War Veterans monument erected by the

camp and auxiliary of Orlando. We were pleased to meet three members of the Orlando Auxiliary and Daughters of '98, and

Whereas we were happy to have our Commander-in-Chief, S. Leroy Mendel with us again this year and it is our hope that he will attend many more in the future, and

Whereas we wish to express our thanks to all who had a part in making our encampment a success, and although we may have omitted some names, we want them to know we appreciate their efforts, therefore be it

Resolved by the 89th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled in Orlando, Florida, September 11-16, 1987 that we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the friendliness we have received during our stay in this fine city, which we shall always remember and cherish.

RESOLUTION No. 2

In Support of English Language

Whereas the people of the United States have brought to this nation the cultural heritage of many nations, and

Whereas the United States has been greatly enriched by such cultural diversity, and

Whereas the people of the United States, despite their many differences have lived together harmoniously and productively as citizens of one nation, and

Whereas the traditional language of the United States has always been English, and

Whereas the English language has been our strongest common bond and has contributed substantially to our societal cohesiveness, and

Whereas English is our language by custom only, and enjoys no special legal protection, and

Whereas other languages have been promoted as alternative and have gained a measure of government acceptance through bilingual education and bilingual voting ballots, and

Whereas the erosion of English and the increased official usage of other languages is a divisive force within our nation, Therefore be it

Resolved that the National Organization, United Spanish War Veterans go on record as endorsing without exception President Theodore Roosevelt's statement opposing official multi-lingualism for the United States of American when he declared, "We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language,for we intend to see that the crucible turns out people as Americans, of American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding house."; and

Be it further resolved that the Congress of the United States of American be called upon to enact without delay an amendment to the Constitution declaring the English language to be the only official language for any and all governmental purposes of this nation, its' possessions and territories; and,

Be it further resolved, the several states composing these United States of America be called upon to enact laws for their state to forthwith:

1. Limit bilingual education to short-term transitional programs only;
2. An immediate return to voting ballots in English only.

Be it further resolved a copy of this resolution duly signed be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governors of the Fifty States, the media in general and the "Stars and Stripes" in particular; and

Be it further resolved all members of the U.S.W.V. organization, and organizations affiliated with the United Spanish War Veterans be encouraged to individually contact their federal and state representatives calling upon them to lend their support to establishing the English language as our only official language.

12 September, 1887

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